

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a court to award attorney fees where one party domestic relations matter is required to maintain life insurance on his or her life in order to guarantee payment of spousal or child support.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Treats unmarried and married families similarly for the requirement to carry life insurance
- Contempt powers to enforce a court order
- Enforcement against estate of obligor

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, there are not specific statutory provisions allowing for attorney fees when a person subject to a court order to pay child or spousal support fails to carry life insurance on his or her life as a guarantee for payment of his or her obligation should the person die.