

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/14/15

Action: Do Pass. Refer To Rules.

Meeting Dates: 04/14

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Lininger, Post, Sprenger, Williamson

Nays: 1 - Krieger

Exc: 1 - Olson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies laws regarding establishment of parentage of child.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Need for additional work

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current Oregon law addressing the establishment of parentage of a child contains outdated language, with some relevant portions last updated as long ago as 1977.

House Bill 3231 updates Oregon's parentage laws in a number of ways, including: adding references to "registered domestic partnerships;" adding a new subsection to include a woman being mother of the child she gives birth to; replacing "paternity" with "parentage;" replacing "nonpaternity" with "nonparentage;" replacing "man" and "he" with "person" or "the person;" replacing "father" with "parent;" replacing "husband or wife" with "spouse or registered domestic partner;" and clarifying parentage determinations in cases of artificial insemination. House Bill 3231 applies to establishments of parentage and parentage proceedings made or commenced on or after the effective date. The bill explicitly states that unit captions are provided only for reader convenience and do not become part of statutory law or express any legislative intent.