

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Judiciary

MEASURE: SB 604 A
CARRIER: Rep. Barton

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/12/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/12

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Olson, Sprenger, Williamson

Nays: 1 - Post

Exc: 2 - Krieger, Lininger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals former provisions of Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). Incorporates most recent version of federal UIFSA into Oregon law. Clarifies existing Oregon law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of issue
- Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)
- Oregon's adoption of UIFSA 1996
- Uniform laws
- UIFSA's purpose
- Benefits of UIFSA 2008
- Number of international child support cases in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the federal government passed the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (Act). The Act amended section 466(f) of the Social Security Act. It requires all states to enact the 2008 Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), which was officially adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Adopting the UIFSA amendments is a condition for continuing to receive federal funds for state child support programs. Failure to enact the UIFSA amendments during the 2015 Legislative Session may result in the loss of important federal funding in the State of Oregon. Additionally, because the UIFSA amendments integrate certain provisions of The Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, all states must adopt and implement the UIFSA amendments in order for the United States to ratify the treaty.

Senate Bill 604 A incorporates the 2008 UIFSA amendments into Oregon law. It also provides clarification to both the UIFSA amendments as they apply in Oregon as well as to existing law.