SB 512 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies terms used in current law in regard to parentage of a child.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Removes references to paternity, husband, wife, man, woman and replaces with spouse and parentage. Allows court to address parentage fraud based on non-biological parentage.

No revenue impact

May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Current statute uses "paternity" and "husband" when referencing one parent of a child born to a birth mother. By replacing references such as "husband" with "spouse" and replacing "paternity" with "parentage," Senate Bill 512 extends the current presumption of parent to include same-sex spouses of birth mothers.