SB 513 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that Department of Justice notify obligor or obligee in child support case that Department will request consumer report for purposes of establishing or modifying support order. Allows request of consumer report for purposes of enforcing support order.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Division of Child Support is a division within the Oregon Department of Justice. It is responsible for processing over \$1 million each day in medical expenses and child support for children. The Division assists in establishing paternity, parent location, determination of child support amounts, and collections on child support payments. The Division must follow state and federal guidelines for processing child support. The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act previously required ten days notice to a person when requesting the persons consumer report. A consumer report provides the Division with important information about a parent who owes child support, including income and location. In 2015 the fair Credit Reporting Act was revised, removing the ten day notice requirement and allowing for the use of consumer reports for enforcement of a child support order.

Senate Bill 513-A removes the current requirement that the Division notify an obligor or obligee when it requests a consumer credit report in child support cases and allows the Division to request reports in order to enforce a support order.