HB 2948 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

When considering the statutory factors in determining the custody of a child in a domestic relations case, allows the court to order joint custody even if both parents do not agree to the terms and conditions of the order, if the court finds joint custody is in the best interests of the child. Provides that enactment of the measure constitutes substantial change of circumstances for purposes of requesting a modification to a custody order or judgment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies applicability of legislation to also apply to cases commenced before the effective date.

BACKGROUND: