

SB 298 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies terms in provisions relating to stalking protective orders to conform to language used in other provisions relating to protective orders. Amends requirements for filing a petition for relief from sex offender reporting. Allows state circuit courts to hear and determine applications for simultaneous change of name and legal change of sex. Modifies judgements awarding child support. Takes effect on 91st day following sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

SB 298 is an omnibus bill that makes technical changes proponents propose to further Oregon Judicial Department's 2020-2021 strategic campaign eliminate barriers to access to justice by simplifying and streamlining processes and forms, enhancing service options, leveraging technology, improving interpreter services, and keeping courts open, safe, and secure.

SB 298 proposes technical statutory changes to update party roles in civil stalking statutes, modify process for sex offender relief petitions, allow simultaneous hearings for change of sex and change of name requests, and clarify child support judgment findings.