

SB 298 OJD Housekeeping

Key Points

Updates party roles in the "civil stalking" statute for consistency with other protective order statutes.

Streamlines the process for seeking relief from sex offender reporting requirements.

Clarifies that a combined name change and a change of sex may be sought simultaneously in any circuit court.

Requires child support money judgments to indicate whether the judgment requires payment under Title IV-D, maximizing opportunities for federal reimbursement.

Simplifies the process for parents stipulating to a parenting time modification.

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SB 298 proposes minor statutory changes that will facilitate court filings, streamline proceedings, and assist self-represented litigants.

OJD Strategic Campaign. SB 298 aligns with the Oregon Judicial Department's (OJD) 2020-2021 Strategic Campaign commitment to 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.

<u>Simplifying and Streamlining Processes.</u> The amendments in the measure simplify court processes.

- Section 1 updates party roles in the "civil stalking" statute, using the terms "petitioner" and "respondent" to conform ORS 30.866 to other statutory protective order statutes;
- Section 2 makes minor changes to ORS 163A.150 to streamline the process for a person seeking relief from sex offender reporting requirements;
- Section 3 clarifies that a person seeking both a change of sex and change of name in one proceeding under ORS 33.460 may do so in any circuit court in Oregon;
- Section 4 amends ORS 18.042 to require judgments containing a money award to indicate whether the judgment requires payment of a child support obligation under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Fund, maximizing opportunities for federal reimbursement; and
- Section 5 simplifies the process for parties stipulating to a modification of parenting time by allowing the parties to submit a declaration or affidavit instead of a notarized stipulation.

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