

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1035

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE, MARCH 23, 1993

Brief Description: Correcting double amendments relating to support obligations.

SPONSORS: Representatives Appelwick, Padden and Ludwig; by request of Law Revision Commission

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators A. Smith, Chairman; Quigley, Vice Chairman; Hargrove, McCaslin, Nelson, Niemi, Rinehart, Roach, and Spanel.

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Hearing Dates: March 19, 1993; March 23, 1993

BACKGROUND:

RCW 26.23.100 was amended twice during the 1989 legislative session, each without reference to the other. The Law Revision Commission reviewed the bill to correct the double amendments and to clarify the statute as combined. The statute concerns the collection procedure the Department of Social and Health Services must use when the child support order does not state the current or future support obligation as a fixed dollar amount.

One of the bills was a major rewrite of provisions that involved administrative procedure. That bill updated references to the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW, and corrected terminology to refer to "adjudicative proceedings" rather than "administrative hearings."

The other bill involved substantive changes to provisions governing child support enforcement and established rights and obligations of the department, the payee, and the responsible parent, when the department determines the amount of support owed when the support order does not state the current and future support obligation in a fixed dollar sum and the responsible parent contests the amount established by the department.

SUMMARY:

The double amendments adopted to RCW 26.23.110 are corrected, and the two amendments are merged into one statute. In

addition, amendments are made to the merged statute to identify terms used in the statute more precisely.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one