

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6629

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As Passed Senate, February 15, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to a family law handbook.

**Brief Description:** Requiring the administrator for the courts to create a family law handbook.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Oke, Hargrove, Swecker, Rasmussen, Honeyford, Shin and Winsley).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Human Services & Corrections: 1/31/02, 2/7/02 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/15/02, 44-3.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6629 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Costa, Vice Chair; Carlson, Kastama, Long and Stevens.

**Staff:** Tony Rugel (786-7754)

**Background:** Studies have shown that strong marital relationships result in stronger families, children, and ultimately, stronger communities and place less of a fiscal burden on the state. Providing people with information on laws relating to marriage and dissolution can help facilitate strong marital relationships.

**Summary of Bill:** The Administrator for the Courts must create a handbook explaining the laws pertaining to marriage, child support, dissolution, domestic violence, etc. The handbook is given by the county auditor to people filing a marriage license.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 25, 2002.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The handbook will give people information to help them build a strong marital relationship.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Larry Kvamme, independent volunteer (pro)