

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6590

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Judiciary, January 31, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to the uniform interstate family support act.

**Brief Description:** Changing the effective date of the uniform interstate family support act.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kline, Esser, Johnson and Weinstein; by request of Washington Uniform Legislation Commission.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Judiciary: 1/24/06, 1/31/06 [DP, w/oRec].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Weinstein, Vice Chair; Johnson, Ranking Minority Member; Esser, Hargrove, McCaslin, Rasmussen and Thibaudeau.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Carrell.

**Staff:** Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

**Background:** Washington first adopted the uniform interstate family support act in 1993. The act provided for the interstate enforcement of child support obligations. The uniform interstate family support act was amended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2001. As required by federal law, the 2002 legislature adopted the revised uniform interstate family support act, providing that the new act takes effect six months after the amendment by congress authorizing or mandating states to adopt it.

**Summary of Bill:** At the request of the Washington uniform legislation commission, the revised uniform interstate family support act takes effect on January 1, 2007.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** This will make it easier to collect child support across state lines by making the policies and procedures more uniform and consistent. Many states have made this change in spite of the fact that the federal legislation has not yet passed. The federal Department of Health and Human Services readily grants waivers to these effective date changes.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Dennis Cooper, Uniform Law Commission; David Stillman, DSHS - Division of Child Support Enforcement.