74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Judiciary

MEASURE: CARRIER:

| FISCAL: No fiscal impact | |
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| Action: | Do Pass |
| Vote: | 3 - 0 - 2 |
| Yeas | Beyer, Kruse, Burdick |
| Nays | 0 |
| Exc.: | Prozanski, Walker |
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| Meeting Dates: | 1/24 |

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a court to extend judgments for family support obligations before the judgment remedy is to expire, if the judgment provides for a future award of money. Makes grammatical, non-substantive changes to several family law statutes (ORS 107.015, 107.093, and 107.485). Permits an award of attorney fees and costs in a custody modification proceeding. Allows that both parents and not just fathers are entitled to relief from maintaining and educating a minor. Repeals ORS 106.210, which provides a remedy for illegitimacy resulting from repealed or unconstitutional laws that voided certain bi-racial marriages.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Inconsistency of remedies between various family law statutes
- Outdated language in various family law statutes
- Attorney fees in Family Abuse Prevention Act cases
- Impact of appealing ORS 106.210 on heirs of children covered by law

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: SB 307 updates and makes consistent several statutes in the family law area. For example, certain judgments can be extended if they provide for a future award of money, but not others. Attorney fees are available in a custody proceeding under the Family Abuse Prevention Act, but not in a custody modification proceeding under that same Act. "Fathers" are entitled to relief from certain requirements if a child's circumstances change, but not mothers. SB 307 makes remedies consistently available, clarifies out-dated text, and repeals a law that references a statute that no longer exists.