

SB 298 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies terms in provisions relating to stalking protective orders to conform to language used in other provisions relating to protective orders. Amends requirements for filing a petition for relief from sex offender reporting. Allows state circuit courts to hear and determine applications for simultaneous change of name and legal change of sex. Modifies judgments awarding child support. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Judicial Department's 2020-2021 strategic campaign proposes 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.

Senate Bill 298 proposes technical statutory changes to update party roles in civil stalking statutes, modify process for sex offender relief petitions, allow simultaneous hearings for change of sex and change of name requests, and clarify child support judgment findings.