

House Bill 2545

Sponsored by Representative NERON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs court to appoint counsel at state expense in certain domestic relations proceedings involving children. Directs court to determine financial eligibility for court-appointed counsel based on party's income.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to court-appointed counsel in child custody proceedings.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 107.**

5 **SECTION 2. In any proceeding to establish or modify a judgment providing for parenting**
6 **time with or custody of a child, if any party requests the assistance of appointed counsel and**
7 **the court determines that the party is financially eligible, the court shall appoint an attorney**
8 **to represent the party at state expense. Appointment of counsel under this section is subject**
9 **to ORS 135.055, 151.216 and 151.219, except that financial eligibility shall be based on the**
10 **party's current income.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.