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I have been practicing as a family law attorney in Oregon for over 22 years. I am very concerned with the language of SB 1130, especially the rigidity of the parenting enforcement provisions. I have had many cases in which parenting time did not happen as initially ordered, but it was ultimately not considered "wrongful." Many of these cases involved children who were dealing with their own problems - i.e. depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, etc. I have had cases in which a parent has driven the child to the exchange location, but despite both parents' best efforts, the child won't get out of the car. I have had other cases in which the child would run away when forced to go to the other parent's house. In many of these cases, motions to modify the parenting plan are pending; but getting through the modification process is not a fast process. I appreciate Oregon law because it is focused on the best interest of the child. This measure seems to take away that standard, which would be unfortunate.