

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Hearing Room Tapes - 67

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John MEEK, Chair Rep. Judith Uherbelau, Vice-Chair Rep. George Eighmey Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Patti Milne Rep. Kitty Pi

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Mann, Committee Administrator Pamela Berger, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2669 - Public Hearing HB 3196 - Public Hearing HB 3295 - Public Hearing

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation mark report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings, please refer to the tapes.

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CHAIR MEEK: Calls the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. -encourages members to be in contact with their commission regarding HB 3180

HB 3196 - Public Hearing

Staff submits HB 3196-2 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A)

030 CARL MEYERS, FAMILY JUSTICE TASK FORCE: Submits and explains proposed amendments to the -2 amendments (EXHIBIT B) -discusses packet

110 BILL HOWE, FAMILY JUSTICE TASK FORCE: Amendments don't change intent of bill

132 REP. KATE BROWN, DISTRICT 13: Testifies on HB 3196 - in response to Uherbelau, discusses relating to clause and amending chapters

EIGHMEY: Legislative Counsel refers to this a Christmas tree bill; tag on piece

200 MARK JOHNSON, FAMILY JUSTICE TASK FORCE: Discusses amendments

HOWE: Introduces people who are working on family law legislation

230 Members and witnesses discuss striking "compensatory"

EIGHMEY: Feels that "punitive" should also be deleted

HOWE: Compensatory judgment; punitive damage

295 UHERBELAU: Section 6; prevailing party

HOWE: Responds -catch all language

350 EIGHMEY: Section 7; "relationship " instead of "relations"

HOWE: Responds -explains language in section 8 -closing ceremony of ending a marriage

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020 BROWN: Emotional pieces of a divorce

MILNE: Doesn't agree that a closing ceremony is necessary -may sound good on paper but may not really work

BROWN: Starting it as a pilot program

045 RABBI JOSEPH WOLFE, FAMILY JUSTICE TASK FORCE: Offers his view of having a closing ceremony

UHERBELAU: People need this for emotional closure; voluntary

MILNE: Still not convinced that we need to create a bureaucracy to create something so vague

EIGHMEY: Closing passage

PIERCY: Transition

SNODGRASS: Could be closing statement offered by an attorney

144 HOWE: Good point; we struggle to do that now -sense of loss and failure when divorced -pilot project -statewide meetings brought out

190 FISHER: Decree of responsibility

HOWE: Some of your concerns are addressed in section 9

235 UHERBELAU: Need to lessen the anger and bitterness

CHAIR MEEK: Number and location of pilots is not in bill

HOWE: Want to keep it discretionary; want to allow any county to participate

CHAIR MEEK: Language that needs to be cleaned up

HB 2669 - Public Hearing

295 REP. GAIL SHIBLEY, DISTRICT 12: Testifies in favor of HB 2669 -anger management -explains bill -technical assistance 422 -in

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-information of what type of programs and where they are offered is not available -language change to allow expansion

050 UHERBELAU: Initial survey is necessary so that we don't start over at ground zero
ALICE PHELEN, DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Talks about collaborative efforts
SNODGRASS: Language on page 2; self control
SHIBLEY: Responds
PHELEN: Anger management needs to be directed at self control
SNODGRASS: Importance of recognizing self control
100 CHAIR MEEK: Comments on proposed roles for the State Commission for Children and Families
SHIBLEY: Discusses HB 2511
HB 3196 - Public Hearing
132 HOWE: Comments on entire packet of bill which redesign an entire system; each bill and each item within each bill does not stand al
JOHNSON: Proposed amendments (Exhibit B)
BROWN: Language needs to stay simple
JOHNSON: Language as written
222 HOWE: Explains section 10 (Exhibit A) -the education program is designed to be self funded -in response to Eighmey, thinks that fam
296 JOHNSON: Technical reason for language in section 10
BROWN: Differences in counties; start with a few counties and look at it again next session
HOWE: We really want this piece
EIGHMEY: Want to retain "may"
JOHNSON: There is a new Section 11
SNODGRASS: How do we measure success?
HOWE: Will provide measurements if sunset is continued
HB 3295 - Public Hearing
CHAIR MEEK: Nobody signed up to testify -explains bill
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-not my intent to pass this out in current form
PIERCY: Would like to hear from both state and local commissions
CHAIR MEEK: Dispute Resolution Commission
UHERBELAU: May not want to have dispute resolution language in two different places
065 PIERCY: Sees the Dispute Resolution Commission as a tool that the Commission on Families and Children can use
CHAIR MEEK: Adjourns the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 3196 - proposed amendments - staff - 7 pp B - HB 3196 - proposed amendments - Meyers - 1 p