

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Hearing Room Tape

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

MEASURE HEARD: SB 557 - Work Session

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 10:12 a.m.

SB 557 - Work Session

Staff submits SB 557A-8 and SB 557-A9 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A)

Staff submits testimony for the record from Catherine Dexter (EXHIBIT B)

CHAIR MEEK: Recesses the meeting so that members can review the proposed amendments -re-convenes the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

010 JENNIFER BALL, HOLT INTERNATIONAL: Discusses agreement to include provisions in SB 796 relating to advertising which are not reflected in amendments -SB 1105 language is also included in the -9 amendments

MEEK: Could be a drafting error

MOTION: REP. MEEK MOVES FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

VOTE: NO OBJECTIONS

055 MOTION: REP. EIGHMEY MOVES TO AMEND THE SB 557A-9 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY DELETING LANGUAGE ON PAGE 7, SECTION 3 (4) ON LINES 26-31

VOTE: NO OBJECTIONS

EIGHMEY: Language excluded on page 10 of the SB 557-A9 proposed amendments

BALL: That is a result of including SB 1105 in the -9 amendments -additional change on page 1 of the bill regarding residential requirement

077 UHERBELAU: Would have to vote no because of concerns mentioned in Exhibit B

095 BETTY UCHYTIL, CSD: Language may need to be cleaned up

MEEK: Why wasn't this addressed on the senate side?

BALL: This is new language

117 UCHYTIL: Intent is that when children are adopted either independently or through an agency there are basic issues with birth parents independently -those adoptions are often facilitated by an attorney, physician, or other representative; I believe that is what language is

CHAIR MEEK: Will the Section 1 language work?

UHERBELAU: Thinks that it would need to be re-worded to get to the intent

150 CHAIR MEEK: Adjourns the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger Tom Mann Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY: A - SB 557-A - proposed amendments - staff - 33 pp B - SB 557-A - testimony from Dexter - staff - 5 pp