

1571-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Law (originally sponsored by Representatives Holmquist, Dickerson, Delvin, Upthegrove, Pettigrew, Hinkle, Priest, Condotta, Kristiansen, Orcutt, Rockefeller, Bush, McCoy and Clements)

Brief Description: Enhancing enforcement of child support obligations.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that nothing in this act shall limit the authority of the department of social and health services division of child support from taking collection action against an inmate's moneys, assets, or property pursuant to chapter 26.23, 74.20, or 74.20A RCW.

Provides that, when an inmate sentenced to life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole, or to death under chapter 10.95 RCW, receives any funds from a settlement or award resulting from a legal action in addition to his or her gratuities, the additional funds shall be subject to: Deductions of five percent to the public safety and education account for the purpose of crime victims' compensation and twenty percent to the department to contribute to the cost of incarceration.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1571-S

May 14, 2003

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 1, Substitute House Bill No. 1571 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to enhancing necessary child support payments;"

This bill enhances child support collections from inmates. I am pleased to enact a law that will ease collections from incarcerated persons. Parents in prison should not be relieved of their obligation to support their children.

However, the intent section of this bill is overly broad and the language is inappropriate for Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 72, State Institutions. Amendments to alter the purpose and uses of the child support collection system should be made to the child support chapters, 26.23 RCW, 74.20 RCW, or 74.20A RCW.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 1 of Substitute House Bill No. 1571.

With the exception of section 1, Substitute House Bill No. 1571 is

approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor