

WAC 388-14A-6200 What remedies are available to contest the division of child support's seizure of my bank account? (1) If the division of child support (DCS) takes collection action against a bank account, safe deposit box, or other property held by a bank, credit union or savings and loan (collectively, "the account"), the noncustodial parent (NCP) or the joint owner of record of the account may contest the action in a hearing.

(2) The effective date of a hearing request or objection is the date DCS receives the request.

(3) The NCP or the joint owner must file the objection within twenty days of the date DCS mailed a copy of the order to withhold and deliver to the NCP's last known address.

(4) The NCP or joint owner of record must state in the objection the facts supporting the allegation by the NCP or the joint owner that the account, or a portion of the account is exempt from satisfaction of the NCP's child support obligation.

(5) If either the NCP or the joint owner of record objects to the collection action, DCS schedules a hearing solely for the purpose of determining whether or not one of the following exemptions applies to the account attached by the order to withhold and deliver:

(a) Pursuant to RCW 26.16.200 and 74.20A.120, the property or funds in the community bank account, joint bank account, or safe deposit box, or a portion of the property or funds which can be identified as the earnings of the NCP's spouse who does not owe a support obligation to the NCP's child or children, are exempt from satisfaction of the child support obligation of the NCP.

(b) The funds in a bank account, or a portion of those funds can be identified as TANF, GA-U, GA-X, SSI benefits, or other kinds of funds which are legally exempt from collection action; or

(c) The funds or property attached by the order to withhold and deliver which can be identified as being solely owned by the joint owner of record of the bank account or safe deposit box who does not owe a child support obligation to the child or children of the NCP, are exempt from satisfaction of the NCP's child support obligation.

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