

understand financial pattern or history to show your income, and so often with self-employed people that you have variations. And, for example, one year you may have a good year, you may get good commissions. You may have sold some property, if you are a real estate agent, or you may have had a down year if you were a farmer or something. What this does is add that there could be a variation. If it is due to financial circumstances that have lasted at least six months, and can reasonably be expected to last for an additional six months, that lets you go back and say, look, I have had a tough year, here are some of the things that are going to continue for at least another year. You can take those into consideration and you don't have to blindly look at what the past earning potentials have been in the future. This is primarily layoffs, injuries, I haven't been able to work, but I will probably be able to go back to work, and those sorts of things. The third part of the amendment that I raise some issues or orders that how often can these be reviewed. Could you come in every month and file with the Department of Social Services? One, that would terribly burden the Social Services Department. What you don't want to have is people who are doing these things for harassment purposes. So what this says that an order shall not be reviewed by the department more than once every two years. This is currently being done in Iowa. It is something the feds have accepted over there, and for the department, you want to at least have periodic reviews. At the same time, you don't want somebody coming in and making this a sword or a tool for harassment. Thus, we put in this part of the amendment. The fourth part of the amendment deals with orders and says, look, if everything else is undisputed when we review what you are earning and so on, but if you do have that broken leg or you are temporarily laid off, and if all things are even, if you really haven't had any change in your profession, if you haven't had any change in your job, but you have some of these temporary things, the county attorney can use this for discretion. In other words, yeah, technically, you are not earning as much as you had but there is a good reason that within a few months you will be back and doing the things you have done before, the county attorney would have the discretion not to bring that case and to do that. The fifth part which I think is also extremely dangerous and one that is of great concern, and should be to all of you, is the confidentiality of all these financial records that get brought, and the department, the collecting attorney can gather all this financial evidence. Part of this in the bill says that that is not confidential. Anybody could walk in and get those financial