

support referee, and this was something, Senator Dierks, I think, you were concerned about and I think legitimately so, when the situation changes for a noncustodial parent and they are not able to pay the same amount of child support, as was court ordered, it's a very lengthy and can be a very expensive process for them to get back into court to change this. So what we are doing is setting up a system here where they can take the information, they can fill out the affidavit, they can fill out all the financial information and they can present it to the child support referee and they will have the ability to change the court-ordered child support orders that have been in place. So this does give an option to those individuals who can't afford to pay their child support for the way the guidelines have set it up, things have changed, it gives them a way to get back into court and to at least present their case for changing. I think this is very important. I think what happens to a lot of individuals who are trying to be responsible parents and they're trying to pay their child support, things happen and they change and they can't and they get behind, and then they get behind a little further and then it just looks hopeless to ever be able to catch it up and they just quit paying. Hopefully, this will give them a way to be able to get in to get things adjusted before they ever get to that stage with child support. The intent of this legislation when I introduced it was never to go after those individuals who are doing their best to pay their child support and be responsible parents. It was never to go after those who couldn't afford to pay the child support that the court had ordered them. The intent was to go after...and I will use the term because it's a very...it's not a...there's quite a few of them out there, I was going to say a limited number, it certainly doesn't apply to all, because we have very, very responsible noncustodial parents, but to go after what I call the true deadbeats, those that have the money, they have the finances, they can pay child support, they can be responsible for the children they helped bring into this world, and yet for any number of reasons because they're angry at the ex-wife, because they're upset at the court-ordered child support, for whatever reason, they choose not to. That is who we want to target in this area. So I think this amendment will help those that cannot pay the child support as it's been set up, and I think it's an important part. And, like I said, it definitely raises my comfort level with this bill because that was never was my intent to go after those individuals who cannot afford to pay their child support. So, with that, I would be more than willing to answer any questions.