

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MODIFICATION OF CHILD-RELATED ORDERS BASED ON DNA EVIDENCE OF NONPARENTAGE.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/24/07 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concur Does Not Concur Updated Analysis

Amendments/Appropriation Status

While this bill is anticipated to increase the number of cases requiring Trial Court hearings, the fiscal impact of the bill for FY 2007-08 cannot accurately be determined at this time. Thus, bill neither contains nor requires an appropriations clause.

Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments.

Points to Consider

The Trial Courts are currently at 89.4 percent of full staffing, resulting in some courts having shortened hours, reduced services to the public, delays in case processing, and reductions in the accuracy and timeliness of data processing. Although the additional hearing time resulting from this bill is small, any bill that increases hearing times without a corresponding increase in appropriations for the Trial Courts will exacerbate the effects of the current staffing shortage - and these effects will be compounded if multiple bills take this approach.