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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB71
Execution on a Judgment – Child Support Arrearage- Workers’ Compensation

Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Chair Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on SB71, Execution on a Judgment-Child Support Arrearage- Workers’ Compensation. The purpose of this bill is to specify that 25% of the net recovery on a claim for workers’ compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for child support arrearage.

Current law does not explicitly state what, if any, indemnity benefits can be attached when a child support order is in place. SB71 merely offers clarity in an otherwise ambiguous statute in determining which workers’ compensation indemnity benefits can be garnished.

This clarification is in the interest of judicial economy and otherwise aligns workers compensation recoveries with personal injury recoveries.

For these reasons, I am requesting a favorable report.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin T. Brooks".

Benjamin Brooks