

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 142:

Child Support - Earnings Withholdings Limits

TO: The Honorable Sandy Bartlett, Chair, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

FROM: Rodney Jones

DATE: February 5th, 2026

My name is Rodney Jones, a resident of District 40. I am asking you to vote in favor of House Bill 142.

I have been dealing with child support issues since 2012, and despite paying my child support every month, I am still struggling to get my own place. The amount they take from my paycheck makes it impossible to afford stable housing.

I don't get to see my kids even though I'm paying. When you can't afford your own place, and you're living from situation to situation, it's hard to be the father you want to be. I still have to live as well as pay support.

I want legislators to know that the current child support system is holding fathers back and dividing families. When they take so much that we can't afford to live, it makes it harder to stay in our children's lives, not easier.

House Bill 142 would cap wage garnishment at 25% for low-income parents. That would give me enough to pay my child support AND afford a place to live so I could actually see my kids regularly.

I'm asking you to support this bill. We want to support our children, but we need to be able to survive while doing so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rodney Jones