

Senator Lee,

Below is proposed language for the committee's amendment to HB 1254:

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SPOUSAL SUPPORT.** During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the types of spousal support ordered by the district courts and desirability and feasibility of providing statutory guidance for awards of spousal support. The study must include a review of the frequency and duration of spousal support awards that are entered in the state. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty eighth legislative assembly.

This proposed language is based, in part, off a Legislative Management study that was [proposed in 2015](#) but which was not prioritized. It is similar to Representative Vetter's proposed amendment but does not contain some of the directed language (it does not have the "to create a more equitable system similar to the child support guidelines" language).

I can certainly add language suggesting the study include consultation with family law attorneys, district judges, etc. Although I don't believe it is necessary to include a list of interested parties as those individuals will likely already be consulted or will attend/follow the study anyway, I can certainly include something along those lines if you wish.

Please let me know what you think of the proposed language or how you would like me to proceed.

Thanks,

Jill