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Sectional Analysis

HB 137: PFD Child Support

Section 1: States that a permanent fund dividend distributed to an individual owed child support counts as a child support payment.

Section 2: Requires the Child Support Services Division to send the Department of Revenue a list of residents behind on child support between January 1 and March 31 of each year.

Section 3: Adds rules around applying for the PFD:

- If by March 31 of each year an PFD application has not been filed by an individual in arrears who the department believes is eligible for a dividend and is on the list provided by the Child Support Services Division, the department will file on their behalf.
- The department shall notify the individual in arrears as well as the individual owed child support that the dividend has been filed on behalf of the individual in arrears. Both individuals are noticed of their ability to submit evidence of eligibility and that there is no penalty to not responding to this notice.
- The department shall deduct 7% of the dividend distributed. The 7% shall be separately accounted for and deposited into the general fund and may be appropriated by the legislature for administrative costs incurred in implementing these changes.
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Section 4: States that signatures are required on applications of PFDs except as provided in Section 5 subsections D, K, M.

Section 5: Provides additional details about filing and eligibility:

- The application and certification of residency is not required to be signed under 43.23.005(j)
- The department shall assume that an individual owing child support who has previously qualified for a dividend remains eligible for the dividend unless the individual owing child support provides proof of ineligibility.

Section 6: Prohibits donations from the PFDs distributed for child support.

Section 7: Ensures that PFDs claimed for child support cannot be garnished for other debts

Sections 8-13: States that certain agencies may not claim PFDs distributed under these rules.

Section 14: Applies these rules to PFDs for the 2025 qualifying year and beyond.