



Utah Marriage Commission

January 14th, 2022

Committee Members:

We are writing this letter of support for HB0086 described below.

- Require divorced couples who wish to modify their parenting plan to take an online course that helps them make careful decisions that support their children's well-being
- Allow the course to be waived if both parties agree upon the parenting plan changes
- Track the success of this implementation

The implementation of this bill will save Utah couples both money and time as it eliminates the need for couples to spend money on attorneys and eliminates court requirements. Additionally, this legislation has the potential to benefit both children and their parents as it will provide accessible parenting education to divorced couples who need support as they navigate their roles as co-parents. Lastly, the implementation of this bill will support the well-being of Utah families, the most important unit in our society.

Sincerely,

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