

HB 463:

Child Support Modifications

Date	Feb 18, 2025
Constituent Quotes Demonstrating the Problem	<i>"Within a year of our divorce, my ex-husband owed \$15,000 in arrears. I only learned about ORS at that time. He didn't catch up on payments until 12 years later when California ORS intervened. I also constantly lost daycare providers due to his non-payment of half the daycare costs. Unpaid child support and daycare expenses made life difficult, especially while working two jobs to make ends meet." - Emily Prisbrey</i> <i>"As a result of domestic violence towards my children, my ex-husband's parental rights were terminated. During the court process, it was not explicitly stated, nor did my court appointed lawyer inform me, that I might lose child support. Over \$40,000 in arrears were cleared, and my case was closed, marked as "paid in full." He faced zero consequences for his actions." – Monica Vasquez</i>
Policy Objectives	• Create a process by which ORS can help with the collection of childcare expenses • Hold parents accountable for their arrears in their children's expenses if they terminate their parental rights
Details	Child Support and Childcare Expenses Enforcement Child care expenses will now be eligible to be collected by ORS by adding the cost to the divorce decree. Does not have to be a specified amount but ORS will work over this next year to determine some typical amounts that can be used as a rebuttable presumption. These divorce decrees will be turned over to ORS unless both parties agree to opt out. Termination of Parental Rights Arrears If parental rights are terminated the parent whose rights are terminated will still be responsible for paying any unpaid child support that was owed prior to the termination.