

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act allows the Department of Human Services to continue to collect spousal maintenance only.

### Section

- 1**      **Support order.** Amends § 518.54, subd. 4a, by adding a spousal maintenance order to the definition of a support order.
- 2**      **IV-D case.** Amends § 518.54, subd. 14, by clarifying that an obligation for spousal maintenance is not an IV-D case.
- 3**      **Income withholding only services.** Amends § 518.54 by adding subdivision 15. Adds that an obligation for spousal maintenance only is only eligible for income withholding only services.
- 4**      **Scope; payment to public authority.** Amends § 518.551, subd. 1. Clarifies that maintenance or support payments shall be made to the public agency if the obligee has applied for or is receiving public assistance, or has applied for child support or maintenance collection services.
- 5**      **Effective date.** This act is effective the day following final enactment.