

HB 1351 -- RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS IN FAMILY LAW

SPONSOR: Beard

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill requires the responding party to file a response to any motion to modify a child support, spousal maintenance, or child custody judgment.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 285 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that requiring responsive pleadings in motions to modify is necessary because those responsive pleadings help keep people up to date on what is happening with the lawsuit.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Beard.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.