



**Testimony of  
Scott D. Jackson, Commissioner  
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Human Services Committee  
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Good Day Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, Senator Markley, Representative Wood and members of the Human Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **House Bill 5436, An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Methods for Improving the Collection of Past Due Child Support**. My name is Scott Jackson and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

This bill seeks to amend the law which requires the Administrator to withhold from any unemployment compensation payable to an individual who owes child support the amount pursuant to an agreement with the state or local child support enforcement agency. The bill would require DOL to implement a federal electronic withholding process.

There are funding issues that will arise with the implementation of this bill. Although the IT cost to set up this system would be minimal, other aspects of this bill would require funding. Preliminarily, DOL would have to manually reconcile its records to prepare for the electronic filing, to ensure that old outdated child support orders are purged from the system. Once the files are reconciled, then the verification and update would begin using the electronic process. The department will be unable to accomplish these additional tasks without additional resources. For this reason, DOL opposes the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.