

too. We have passed and at the federal level repeatedly...this hasn't been brought up, we have passed child support legislation, child collection legislation, one bill after the other. I have through my office and as an individual and as a lawyer tried to assist one individual after another in collecting child support and I don't like to use examples but I am sure she won't be offended, but sitting off to my right is a young lady that works in my office, thousands and thousands of child support dollars behind. When they come in to me I tell them, well, here is the law and you can collect it. What do you do? Well, you have got all the good laws in the world on your side. You have got the Uniform Federal Child Support Act and you don't have to go to a private attorney. You have the right to go to the local county attorney and they are supposed to enforce it. They are supposed to go and catch you in the other state and do this. I dare anybody in this room or any mother out there, any mother who might listen, to go to any county attorney in this state and make that law work. You know why? Because they absolutely refuse to do it because it is not cost efficient for them. It takes their time. It takes their work and they could be making more money doing estates or something else. And so they will tell the mother, they will tell the mother a mumbo-jumbo of why she shouldn't be filing this, why she shouldn't be asking him to collect, why they should go to a private attorney, which, of course, they can't afford because a private attorney isn't dumb enough to do these because they are not cost efficient for him. They take some time. They take some effort. They take some work. The real failure in the child support system, the real absolute I guarantee you failure are the public officials that are already in office. They absolutely will not use the existing laws that are all there because they don't want to spend their time on it. Now my question to you, Senator Beutler, my question to you, Senator Chambers, I don't care how many damn more laws you put on the books or how many new penalties or threats against property or anything else, what is in this legislation that is going to make "the individuals vested with the responsibility actually do the job?" Until you address that, you can pass every law on child support which has been done for the last ten or fifteen years now, every year we pass a new law strengthening child support, we have never found a way, we have never found a way yet to make the public officials vested with the responsibility do it. And why won't they do it? Because there is absolutely no