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Top 10 Reasons to Sign SB 668

1. SB 668 will reduce LITIGATION and simplify divorces. All parties in a divorce will have a framework for consistency with judicial discretion. Current law promotes prolonged litigation.
2. SB 668 eliminates permanent alimony, along with other forms known as bridge-the-gap, rehabilitative and durational. Current law allows permanent alimony awards and the standards are vague which leads to inconsistent results.
3. SB 668 creates alimony award guidelines that base the alimony amount on a formula using the incomes of both parties while allowing judicial discretion. This is similar to current child support formulas. Current law has no such guidelines for alimony.
4. SB 668 creates alimony award guidelines that set the alimony length based on the

length of the marriage. The Judge has the discretion to award alimony for a duration from 25% to 75% of the length of the marriage or even longer in special cases. Current law has no such guidelines.

5. SB 668 limits the total of the combined alimony and child support to 55 percent of a payor's income. Current law is vague which leads to inconsistent results.

6. SB 668 allows alimony to be modified when incomes change by at least 10% and allows for judicial discretion. Current law allows modification for any percent, even 1%.

7. SB 668 allows alimony to be modified or ended when the payer retires. Current law makes it almost impossible for permanent alimony payers to retire.

8. SB 668 requires judges to explain their child-custody and alimony determinations in writing, while protecting the privacy of children. Current law allows a judge to make determinations without any written explanation and this leads to a lot of more litigation.

9. SB 668 creates a legal "premise" (which is a starting point) that a child should spend "approximately equal time" with each parent. The court must then take into account a child's best interest by considering 20 statutory factors that are based on current law. Current law is vague and has historically favored women over men in custody.

10. SB 668 does not change the calculations for child support. Current law already contains a formula for child support.