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Sponsor Statement – Noncash Child Custody

[HB 176](#) is introduced to give credit where credit is due. This legislation recognizes that there are other means of support outside cash payments. I think it is appropriate to count value in noncash contributions that help a person support their family.

This also recognizes the dignity of self-sacrifice in providing even when cash is not available. If a person can provide firewood, fish, labor or game meat that is significant support for family needs, I think that this should be recognized as real child support.

Under current state laws this person received no credit on their child support account with Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED). While a person may be working hard to provide for their children, a cash payment is the only thing we recognize.

HB 176 would provide that a custodial parent could enter into an agreement with the noncustodial parent to provide specific things and in return get credit on their CSED account. I hope we can work out a solution to this issue. Therefore, I commend HB 176 for your discussion and perfecting.