

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB767

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 767 would increase the indigent defense fee from the current three dollars to eight dollars for cases filed in Nebraska's courts. The purpose of this increase is to ensure that the Commission on Public Advocacy is properly funded. The Commission relies on court fees to fund its operations; court filings have been going down for some time and the Commission is tasked with more and more cases to defend. The indigent defense fee is set out in Nebraska Revised Statute 33-156.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Barry DeKay