

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1089**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 15, 2024  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** DeBoer  
**One Liner:** Exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court costs and fees and change provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Blood, DeBoer, DeKay, McKinney, Wayne
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Bosn
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Holdcroft, Ibach

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Wendy DeBoer  
Tina Rockenbach  
Raymond Durham  
Jason Witmer  
Maghie Miller-Jenkins  
Katie Nungesser

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Community Action of Nebraska  
National Center for Youth Law  
American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska  
Self  
Voices for Children in Nebraska

**Opponents:**

Tim Hruza

**Representing:**

Nebraska State Bar Association

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Section 1 is a new section that would prohibit assessing court costs and fees against juveniles, the parents or guardians of juveniles, and defendants under age 19.

The remainder of the bill makes harmonizing changes, removes outdated language, and adds a reference to the prohibition in Section 1.

Section 3 would amend 25-1140.09 to provide that cost of preparing a bill of exceptions or transcript that cannot be assessed against a juvenile would be paid by the county.



Section 7 would amend 29-1920 to create a presumption that the people described in Section 1 are indigent for purposes of taxing costs.

Section 29 would amend 43-272 to remove language that allows a juvenile court to collect attorney fees from a juvenile's parent for appointed counsel and hold the parent in contempt if they do not pay.

Section 30 would amend 43-290 to add language that would prohibit the assessment of costs for health care assessment and treatment, but would allow a court to order a parent to maintain health care coverage.

Section 31 is a new section that prohibit imposing fines against juveniles and parents of juveniles in juvenile court proceedings.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson

