



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 746

Hearing Date: February 28, 2005

Committee On: Appropriations

Introducer(s): (D. Pederson, Brashear, Chambers)

Title: Provide appropriations for grants to providers of free civil legal services

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

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|---|---------------------|---|
| 5 | Yes | Senators D. Pederson, Kruse, Cudaback, Heidemann, Price |
| 1 | No | Senator Synowiecki |
| 0 | Present, not voting | |
| 3 | Absent | Senators Beutler, Engel, Thompson |

Proponents:

Senator Don Pederson
Senator Kermit Brashear
Senator Ernie Chambers
Doug German
Jim Gordon
Dave Mussman
Michael McGill

Representing:

Introducer

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Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

Richard Hedrick

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill creates the Civil Legal Service Fund to provide grants to civil legal service providers offering legal assistance to eligible low-income persons. The State Court Administrator is charged with developing guidelines and distributing the grants to non-profit organizations recognized by the Legal Services Corporation.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment strikes sections 3 and 5. The amendment inserts a new section 3 substituting the Civil Legal Services Program for Civil Legal Service Fund and deletes appropriation language from the bill. The amendment provides the State Court Administrator shall distribute grants from the program to the legal service providers

Senator Don Pederson, Chairperson