

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB352

Hearing Date: Thursday February 11, 2021
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Lathrop
One Liner: Change the amounts of certain court fees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
Nay: 2 Senators Geist, Slama
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Steve Lathrop
Corey Steel

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Supreme Court

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:
Jon Cannon
Tim Hruza

Representing:
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Nebraska State Bar Association

Opponents:
Spike Eickholt
Shiela Cain

Representing:
ACLU of Nebraska
Nebraska Collectors Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 352 would increase the court filing fee on three separate fees utilized by the Court Administrator's Office. The bill would increase the court automation fee from the current \$8 to \$10; increase the training fee from the current \$1 to \$2; and the dispute resolution fee from 75 cents to \$1.50.

Section by section

Section 1 Amends 33-107.03, regarding the court automation fee, to increase the court filing fee for court automation from

\$8 to \$10.

Section 2 Amends 33-154, regarding the training fee, to increase the court filing fee for training from \$1 to \$2.

Section 3 Amends 33-155, regarding the dispute resolution fee, to increase the court filing fee for dispute resolution from 75 cents to \$1.50.

Section 4 Repeals original sections.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 535 amends LB 150 into LB 352 with certain changes.

LB 150 proposes to increase the indigent defense fee (part of the court filing fees) from the current \$3 to \$5; and beginning July 1, 2022, \$6; beginning July 1, 2023, \$7; beginning July 1, 2024, \$8, and beginning July 1, 2025, \$9.

Section by section

Section 1 Amends 33-156 regarding the indigent defense fee portion of court filing fees from \$3 to \$5, and increases the fee annually. On July 1, 2022 it rises to \$6, on July 1, 2023, \$7, on July 1, 2024, \$8, and on July 1, 2025 to \$9.

Section 2 Repeals original section.

The amendment (AM 535) eliminates the annual increases in the green copy of LB 150 and replaces them with a one-time two dollar increase.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson