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LB 109A, 712A, 712

(Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 109 is a \$6,000 A bill that is accompanying and is for the revised Model Business Corporation Act, it primarily is the functions of allowing the Secretary of State to implement the small changes that need to take place as a result of this legislation. I'd urge its advancement.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard...any discussion? Seeing none, closing? You've heard the closing, you've heard the discussion. Question is the advancement of LB 109A. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 109A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 109A is advanced. LB 712A, Senator Matzke.

CLERK: LB 712A, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Matzke. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. This is the appropriations bill, the A bill on LB 712, the reform and restructuring of the adoption law. The Department of Social Services handles between 70 and 80 adoptions a year. Their procedure would be impacted by LB 712. They say that there would be some additional notification costs of about \$4,127. There would be additional training costs for 40 adoption workers, those are adoption workers that are already with DSS, that would only be \$1,300. Because of the notification requirements there would be additional legal fees, they estimate at \$23,940, which is about \$300 per adoption. The bill also provides for the appointment of guardian ad litem in special cases. They estimate the expense for one year at \$9,975 for guardian ad litem. The total projection for fiscal year 1996 is \$33,117, and for the next biennium, \$50,214. This is all a projection. There's no way of knowing how many cases these kind of expenses would be required. I would urge the passage or the advancement of the A bill.