One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB79 Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford Committee: Judiciary Date of Hearing: January 20, 2011 The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby: LB79 would create a grant program administered by the Nebraska Supreme Court that would provide grants to those who are training and recruiting volunteers under the Court Appointed Special Advocate Act. In addition, LB 79 would provide that grants could be utilized for expansion of CASA programming into counties not already served as well as provide dollars to develop innovative programming. The funds would come from a \$1.25 court fee increase. Principal Introducer: _____ **Senator Amanda McGill**