ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB123

Hearing Date: Friday January 25, 2013

Committee On: Judiciary Introducer: Lautenbaugh

One Liner: Change distribution of indigent defense fees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Chambers, Christensen, Coash, Davis, Lathrop,

McGill, Seiler

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:SEN. SCOTT LAUTENBAUGH

Representing:
INTRODUCER

JERRY SOUCIE SELF

Opponents:MARSHA FANGMEYER

Representing:
NE STATE BAR

JAMES MOWBRAY NE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ADVOCACY

DENNIS KEEFE LANCASTER COUNTY

ELAINE MENZEL NACO

Neutral:Representing:MIKE KELLYDOUGLAS COUNTY

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 123 would amend 33-156 of the Nebraska Statutes to provide that the indigent fees collected in any county that contains a city of the metropolitan class be sent to the county treasurer of such county for the fees to be submitted to the indigent defense services fund of that county.

Currently the fees identified under this section are submitted to the Commission on Public Advocacy to assist in funding their statutory requirements.

The practical impact of this bill is that it shifts the fees collected from the city of Omaha from the Commission on Public Advocacy to the Douglas County Public Defenders office.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson