## ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1098

Wednesday February 17, 2016 **Hearing Date:** Committee On: **Judiciary** Introducer: Morfeld One Liner: Increase legal services fees as prescribed **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:** Advanced to General File Vote Results: Aye: 5 Senators Chambers, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Williams Nay: Absent: **Present Not Voting:** 3 Senators Coash, Ebke, Seiler **Verbal Testimony:** Representing: **Proponents:** SEN. ADAM MORFELD **INTRODUCER DAVID PIESTER** LEGAL AID OF NEBRASKA MILO MUMGAARD LEGAL AID OF NEBRASKA KATIE VOORHEES LEGAL AID OF NEBRASKA LIZ NEELY **NE STATE BAR Opponents:** Representing: TESSA HERMANSON NEBRASKA COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Neutral: Representing: Summary of purpose and/or changes: Under section 33-107.01, a legal services fee of \$5.25 is taxed as a cost in all actions except small claims cases. LB1098 would increase this fee to \$6.25. The funds collected are remitted to the Legal Aid and Services Fund to be distributed by the Commission on Public Advocacy to provide civil legal services to eligible low-income persons. Les Seiler, Chairperson