

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB150**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 11, 2021**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 150 increases the indigent defense fee from the current three dollars to nine dollars over a period of five years. The purpose of this increase is to ensure that the Commission on Public Advocacy is properly funded over a period of time. The Commission relies on court fees to fund its operations - court filings have been going down for some time and the Commission is tasked with more and more cases to defend.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Adam Morfeld**