

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB308

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2021

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

LB308 creates the Juvenile Indigent Defense Fund, which shall be used to provide legal services to juveniles in juvenile court, provide resources to assist counties in fulfilling their obligation to provide for effective assistance of legal counsel for indigent juveniles, and pay the costs of administering the Juvenile Indigent Defense Grant Program. The program shall be administered by the Commission on Public Advocacy. The bill also establishes that the program shall be funded through a fee of one dollar, which shall be assessed as costs for each case filed in each county court, separate juvenile court, and district court, including appeals to such courts, and for each appeal.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks