

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB139

Hearing Date: Friday March 03, 2023
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Brandt
One Liner: Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Blood, Bosn, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach, Wayne
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator McKinney
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brandt
Adam Feser
John Lenich

Representing:

District 32
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Self

Opponents:

C. Jo Petersen
Tim Hruza

Representing:

Nebraska County Judge's Association
Nebraska State Bar Association

Neutral:

Corey Steel

Representing:

Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and
Probation

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Currently, the Small Claims Court has jurisdiction in all civil actions when the amount of money or damages claimed is \$3,500 or less. LB139 increases this amount to \$10,000.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1518 increases the jurisdictional amount from \$3,500 to \$6,000 until June 30, 2024. The amount will increase to \$7,500 on July 1, 2024. AM1518 also removes the requirement that the Supreme Court adjust the jurisdictional amount every five years.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson