



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 68

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 23, 2007

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

LB 68 will provide for state funding and oversight of guardian ad litem services provided in abuse/ neglect cases in our juvenile courts throughout the state of Nebraska. The consolidation of this service at the state level will reduce property tax demand and will result in overall savings to the State by consolidating the services of attorneys and court appointed special advocates to provide for a higher level of guardian ad litem services to the children of this state. This change should also help to alleviate the length of time children are in out of home placement without permanency.

The oversight portion of the bill will ensure that the quality of the service provided is of acceptable quality or the person who is contracted with or employed by the State will be quickly disciplined or fired for failure to meet the necessary standard imposed by the contract or the state law.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Carol Hudkins