

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB375**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 27, 2009  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Lautenbaugh  
**One Liner:** Increase claim amount and provide for payment for costs for certain civil suits

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Ashford, Christensen, Coash, Council, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill, Rogert  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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| <b>Proponents:</b><br>Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh<br>Justin Brady | <b>Representing:</b><br>Introducer<br>NE Realtors Association |
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| <b>Opponents:</b> | <b>Representing:</b> |
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| <b>Neutral:</b> | <b>Representing:</b> |
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 375 would amend Sec. 25-1801 to allow a plaintiff to recover court costs from the defendant by voluntary payment after filing suit, but before a judgment is entered. The bill would also expand application of the statute from claims of up to \$2,000 to claims of up to \$4,000.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Committee Amendment AM 924 would allow the plaintiff to waive an award of court costs following a voluntary payment to the plaintiff by or on behalf of the defendant before a judgment is entered.

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Brad Ashford, Chairperson