

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB695**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 21, 2010  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Price  
**One Liner:** Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court

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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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**Proponents:**  
Sen. Scott Price

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 695 would change the jurisdictional amount for Small Claims Court from the current amount of \$2,700 to \$5,000. The current statute 25-2802 pertaining to the jurisdictional amount for Small Claims Court provides that the Nebraska Supreme Court shall adjust the jurisdictional amount every five years utilizing the unadjusted Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers that is published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for the five year period preceding the adjustment.

Sen. Price is attempting to artificially increase the jurisdictional amount by a one time increase and then return to the procedure whereby the Nebraska Supreme Court will continue to provide an increase in the jurisdictional amount every five years using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

LB 695 as amended by AM1849 would change the jurisdictional amount for Small Claims Court listed on page 2, line 23, from five-thousand to three thousand five hundred.

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Brad Ashford, Chairperson