ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1093

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2014
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Brasch
One Liner: Change provisions relating to juvenile facilitated conferencing and funding

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Ashford, Christensen, Coash, Davis, McGill, Seiler
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Chambers, Lathrop
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:	Representing:
SEN. LYDIA BRASCH	INTRODUCER
DEBORA BROWNYARD	NCST ADMIN OFFICE
ROGER HEIDEMAN	LANCASTER COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
KAREN AUTHIER	NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S COMMISSION
CASEY KARGAS	THE MEDIATION CENTER
KELLI HAUPTMAN	THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CHILD
MIKE HEAVICAN	NE SUPREME COURT

Opponents:	Representing:

Neutral:	Representing:
KERRY WINTERER	DHHS
MELANIE WILLIAMS-SMOTHERMAN	FAMILY ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB1093 would move funding into the judicial branch to fund pre-hearing conferencing and family group conferencing in juvenile cases. The bill also provides a number of new definitions and expands the definition of facilitated pre-hearing conferencing to include expedited family group conferences, child welfare, mediation, permanency pre-hearing conferences, termination of parental rights pre-hearing conferences, and juvenile victim-offender dialogue.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2279 would make two changes to LB1093:

The amendment would strike section two (2) of the bill and replace it with clarity around the amount being transferred under LB1093. The amendment would specify that four hundred fifty thousand dollars ($450,000) from DHHS' 2014-2015 general fund budget would be transferred to the Office of the State Court Administrator for court connected conferencing services.

Secondly, the AM modifies the definitions of "expedited family group conferencing" and "family group conferencing

service" in LB1093.

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Brad Ashford, Chairperson