

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB673

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 20, 2016
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change provisions relating to appointment of guardians ad litem

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

SENATOR BOB KRIST
MELANIE WILLIAMS-SMOTHERMAN
VAUGHN CROWELL
ROBERT MCEWEN
COMMISSIONER MARY ANN BORGESON

Representing:

INTRODUCER
FAMILY ADVOCACY MOVEMENT
SELF
NEBRASKA APPLESEED
DOUGLAS COUNTY

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

LAURA MCCORMICK

Representing:

SELF

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB673 would require a court to appoint a county guardian ad litem division established by the county board and allow the county board to fix reasonable fees for guardian ad litem services performed.

Section 1 would require an appointment of a guardian ad litem in juvenile court to first be made to a county guardian ad litem division, if a county has created a division. In the event of a conflict, a court could then appoint an attorney outside of the division.

Section 2 would amend language in 43-273 to state that the county board shall fix reasonable fees for guardians ad litem.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2244 replaces the original bill.

Section 1 would require a guardian ad litem appointed in a juvenile case to be appointed from a county guardian ad litem division if such a division has been created.

Section 2 would create the requirements for a guardian ad litem division created by a county board.

Section 3 would clarify that the county board sets the hourly rate for work performed by guardians ad litem, but that the court makes the determination as to reasonable hours and expenses.

Les Seiler, Chairperson