

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB103

Hearing Date: Friday February 19, 2021
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Dorn
One Liner: Appropriate funds to aid counties to pay certain federal judgments

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 9 Senators Clements, Dorn, Erdman, Hilkemann, Kolterman, McDonnell, Stinner, Vargas, Wishart

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Myron Dorn
Erich Tiemann
Angie Bruna
Don Schuller
Emily Haxby
Jon Cannon

Representing:

District 30
Gage County Board of Supervisors
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce
Gage Tax Payers Organization
Self
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 103 appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund in FY2021-22 and FY2022-23 to any county which has a judgment against it from a federal court in excess of \$25 million, if the total cost of the judgment exceeds 20% of the county's annual budget.

Explanation of amendments:

AM588 would increase the appropriation to \$5 million and direct the appropriation to the State Treasurer for aid to counties. A county is eligible if it: (1) has a judgment against it from a federal court in excess of \$25 million, if the total cost of the judgment exceeds 20% of the county's annual budget; and (2) has set its property tax levy at the maximum for each year it receives aid. Aid can be used only for payment of the judgment.

John Stinner, Chairperson