



**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

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**Representing:**

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

Legislative Bill 828 removes language from statute that limits jurisdiction for most agency appeals to the District Court in Lancaster County. With the language removed, the appeals will be filed in the district court of the county where the agency action was taken pursuant to the procedure set out in §84-917. Appeals of agency decisions account for a significant portion of the case load of the District Court in Lancaster County. The court is overburdened and has repeatedly asked the Legislature to add another judgeship to the District Court of the Third Judicial District. This bill presents an alternative solution to adding a judgeship by decreasing the number of cases that get filed in the District Court in Lancaster County.

LB 828 was indefinitely postponed by the Judiciary Committee on February 14, 2008.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson