

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB265

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 2, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Amends the language to increase the Child Support Enforcement petty cash fund from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This change does not add to the total funds expended. It just limits the potential number of times that no funds are available for service of process. Child Support could be collected sooner rather than the Child Support Offices having to wait for service of process funds to become available.

Child Support Enforcement offices use this petty cash fund to pay for service of process upon the alleged obligor in Nebraska and other states. Service of process is a legal term denoting the delivery/leaving of a summons personally by the sheriff, deputy sheriff, or civil process server with an individual who is a party to a legal action. This process involves a personal service rather than a mailing. Service fees have increased over the years in Nebraska and across the country. However, the petty cash fund has not been increased to meet the growing service needs.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Colby Coash