



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 948

Chairperson: Abbie Cornett
Committee: Business and Labor
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2008

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

Legislative Bill 948 proposes to create the Volunteer Emergency Responders Job Protection Act by adding provisions to the law that outline protective measures for an employee, serving as a volunteer emergency responder, who is absent from or reports late to his or her place of employment in order to respond to an emergency prior to the time such employee is to report to his or her place of employment. The bill authorizes wage subtraction by the employer for time not worked by the employee/volunteer. The bill further addresses absence notification and emergency response verification on the part of the employee/volunteer. Finally, the bill provides the employee/volunteer with reinstatement of wages and benefits if he or she is wrongfully terminated or loses benefits and provides a cause of action by the employee/volunteer to enforce the rights provided in the Act.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Russ Karpisek