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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 194

Chairperson: Steve Lathrop
Committee: Business and Labor
Date of Hearing: February 9, 2009

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

LB 194 relates to lump sum settlements and would provide that a lump-sum settlement may become final without approval of the Workers' Compensation Court provided that the employee is represented by counsel. Under current law, a lump sum settlement agreement may only become final if approved by the Court. This generally requires the employer or its insurance carrier to retain counsel to draft the settlement documents in order to obtain approval and ultimate resolution of the claim. The bill also requires a release (approved by Court) to be filed with the Court, discharging the employer from further liability, including future medical expenses, unless specifically excluded in the release.

Principal Introducer:

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