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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 243

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 243 would apply only to those who were injured on their job, and whose injuries were determined by the Workers Compensation Court to have resulted in total disability. Current law provides a formula for the annual calculation of the maximum weekly benefit, which is now set at \$671, and although the Legislature has recognized the necessity of annually updating the allowable maximum, there is no such updating for the worker once his or her compensation amount has been set.

LB 243 would simply apply the same formula used to calculate the maximum benefits to the actual award of benefits on an annual basis.

Now, if a worker who was earning \$575 a week in 1999 became totally disabled, his or her maximum workers compensation would have been \$383 a week. If still totally disabled, that worker would still be receiving \$383 a week. Under LB 243, that amount would be updated annually.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Danielle Nantkes