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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 622

Chairperson: Steve Lathrop
Committee: Business and Labor
Date of Hearing: February 23, 2009

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

Under current law, an employee is entitled to a 50% waiting penalty if a worker's compensation disability penalty is delinquent. The goal of that provision is to provide incentive for timely payments to injured workers.

LB 622 is intended to apply the same rationale to medical payments for which there is no reasonable controversy as to the responsibility or amount of the payment. Failure to make the payment within 30 days would entitle the worker to an additional 50% of the medical bill as a waiting penalty.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Jeremy Nordquist