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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 780**

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**Chairperson:** Steve Lathrop  
**Committee:** Business and Labor  
**Date of Hearing:** February 08, 2010

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

Current law disallows workers' compensation benefits for mental injuries suffered in the absence of corresponding physical trauma. LB 780 would create a limited exception for first responders who only suffer mental injury. The mental injury must be a result of extraordinary and unusual conditions as compared to the normal conditions of the employment and cannot result from events which are incidental to employee/employer relations.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Steve Lathrop**

