

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB152**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing:**

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

LB 152 would exempt claims for inpatient trauma services from the Diagnostic Related Group inpatient hospital fee schedule. The Diagnostic Related Group inpatient hospital fee schedule was established by the legislature through LB 588 in 2007. This schedule is largely based on Medicare's payment method. Concerns were raised from the hospitals providing trauma care that the schedule would not cover the extensive costs associated with providing trauma care. Since 2007, the legislature has extended the operative date for inpatient trauma services. If LB 152 is adopted, claims would continue to be reimbursed by scheduled fees established by the compensation court for services not covered by the Diagnostic Related Group inpatient hospital fee schedule or as contracted.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Steve Lathrop**