

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB559**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2013**

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

LB 559 would adopt a short-time compensation program under the Employment Security Law. The bill creates a voluntary program that, in lieu of temporary layoffs, allows employers to temporarily reduce the normal work hours for designated employees. Employees under a short-time compensation plan would be eligible for partial unemployment insurance benefits to offset lost wages resulting from the reduction in work hours.

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

**Senator Heath Mello**