

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

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

### **LB134**

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**Chairperson: Senator Burke Harr**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: February 23, 2015**

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

LB 134 would make first injury reports relating to workplace injuries confidential, unless the employee waives confidentiality to allow the report to be made available for public inspection, except as necessary for the Compensation Court to administer and enforce other provisions of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, or unless: (1) An employee elects to waive confidentiality; (2) the requestor is the employee who is the subject of the report or an attorney or authorized agent of the employee; (3) the requestor is the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third party administrator that is a party to the report or an attorney or authorized agent of such party; (4) the requestor is an authorized agent, authorized representative, attorney, investigator, consultant, or adjustor of an insurance carrier or a third party administrator who is involved in administering any claim for insurance benefits related to any injury of the employee whose report is filed with the Compensation Court; (5) the report is used for the purpose of state or federal investigation or examinations or for the state or federal government to compile statistical information; (6) the report requested is sought for the purpose of identifying the number and nature of any injuries to any employees of an employer identified in the request without revealing the identity of any employee; (7) the report requested is a pleading or an exhibit submitted with a pleading filed with the Compensation Court; and (8) release of the report is ordered by a court of the competent jurisdiction.

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

**Senator Jerry Johnson**