

**One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB791**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: January 23, 2012**

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

LB 791 would adopt the Shared Work Unemployment 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 shared work 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**