

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB906**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2012**

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

This bill makes two changes to the worker's compensation statutes:

First, current law provides that, when an employee is killed in an on the job accident, he or she is entitled to burial expense of \$6,000. LB 906 would change the burial benefit to 13 times the average weekly wage. For 2012, that total would be \$9,230.

The bill would also provide that, if an employee is killed in a compensable accident, and that employer has no dependents, the employee's estate would receive a lump sum payment of \$25,000.

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

**Senator Norman Wallman**