

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB448

Chairperson: Senator Matt Hansen, M.

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 04, 2019

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

LB 448 relates to burial expenses upon the death of an employee due to a work-related injury or illness. The bill proposes to change the burial expense from \$10,000 (maximum) to an amount not to exceed fourteen times the state average weekly wage for the year of death.

The maximum weekly income benefit for 2019 is \$855, thus increasing the maximum benefit to \$11,970. The proposed adjustment in LB 448 would align cost of burial expenses with cost of living increases.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell