

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1056

Chairperson: Senator Kathleen Kauth

Committee: Business and Labor

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

LB 1056 amends Workers compensation statutes to do the following:

- requires employers to cover the cost of interpretation services related to medical, surgical, or hospital care;
- allows an employee to select their own treating physician.
- increases the total disability compensation rate from sixty-six and two-thirds percent to eighty percent and raises partial disability compensation from sixty-six and two-thirds percent to seventy-five percent;
- clarifies the classification and number of compensable workplace injuries;
- establishes a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for injured workers;
- increases the maximum weekly income benefit to two hundred percent of the state average weekly wage, and raises the minimum weekly income benefit to fifty percent of the worker's weekly wage; and
- increases compensation available to surviving spouses and/or dependent children, updates various statutory dollar amounts, and provides for ongoing cost-of-living adjustments.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad