

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB456

Chairperson: Senator Kathleen Kauth

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

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

LB 456 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-146.02 to provide that an employee filing a claim for worker's compensation benefits must provide the employer, compensation insurer, risk management pool, or self-insurer, upon request, a patient waiver entitling the employer, compensation insurer, risk management pool, or self-insurer to obtain all the employee's previous hospital and medical records.

For an employee who does not provide the employer or its insurance carrier with a patient waiver upon request, the 30-day period within which to pay benefits is tolled, eliminating the potential risk of penalties for the employer under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-125.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Hallstrom