

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1285**

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**Chairperson: Senator Raymond Aguilar**

**Committee: Executive Board**

**Date of Hearing: February 28, 2024**

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

LB1285 establishes the Task Force on Supported Employment. The task force is charged with studying the barriers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in attaining and maintaining employment. The task force is made up of voting and non-voting members including representatives from the Governor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, Department of Education, service providers, chamber of commerce, self-advocates, and more.

The task force will review existing recommendations and create a report with an action plan for the executive branch of the state, relevant state agencies, the Legislature and the business community. The report will also include factors that contribute to barriers that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities face entering the workforce. It will also include the number of individuals that would be able to join the workforce with the implementation of the action plan. The report would also include ways that additional working hours impact the benefits received.

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

**Senator Lynne Walz**