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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 833

Chairperson: Steve Lathrop
Committee: Business and Labor
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 833 is designed to provide confidentiality to Workers' Compensation Court records, regardless of physical form or characteristics and to provide that such records, subject to specific exceptions, are not open to public inspection or copying. The records which are to be held confidential are those which reveal (a) the identity of an employee; (b) the nature of an employee's alleged injury; (c) an employee's past or present medical condition; (d) the extent of an employee's disability; (e) the amount, type, or duration of benefits paid to an employee; and (f) the application information for self-insurance.

The bill further provides that the Workers' Compensation Court is to deny any request to inspect or copy a record deemed to be confidential unless: (a) the requestor is the employee who is the subject of the record or an attorney or authorized agent of the employee; (b) the requestor is the employer of the injured employee, or the employer's insurance carrier, risk management pool, or third-party administrator; (c) the information is used for the purpose of state or federal investigations or examinations or for the state or federal government to compile statistical information; (d) the document is a pleading filed in a Workers' Compensation Court docketed file or an exhibit offered and received into evidence by the Workers' Compensation Court or a final order, award or judgment of the Compensation Court; or (e) the record requested identifies the number and nature of any injuries to employees of an employer identified in the request, or any benefits paid to such employees, without revealing the identity of any employee or the medical condition, or extent of disability of an employee.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tony Fulton