

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB147

Chairperson: Senator Joni Albrecht

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 06, 2017

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

LB 147 will require that, once an employee's disability payments have commenced, such payments cannot be terminated or suspended without giving the employee 30 days notice. This will allow the employee to seek judicial review if such review is warranted.

The bill also provides that waiting time payments and attorneys' fees would not be allowed if employer performed a reasonable investigation as to whether benefits were owed; the employer actually relied on that investigation to terminate, deny or delay payment of benefits; and the employer conveyed the results of the investigation to employee at the time of termination, denial or delay.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Matt Hansen