

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB443**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: March 06, 2023**

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

LB443 would provide for termination of total disability benefits at age 72, unless an employee is injured after age 67, in which case total disability benefits would cease after five years from such compensation having initially been paid. The bill would exempt spinal cord injuries resulting in paralysis and severe brain or closed-head injuries and total or industrial blindness from the limitations on the duration of total disability benefits.

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

**Senator Joni Albrecht**