

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB297

Chairperson: Senator Kathleen Kauth

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2025

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

LB297 adjusts and reduces the combined tax rate calculation with the intent of decreasing the total in unemployment combined taxes by employer. It does this by only considering wages paid by contributory employers instead of both contributory and reimbursable employers which reduces the number of total wages used in the calculation and lowers the overall calculated yield needed. Additionally, the bill proposes to increase Commissioner authority to lower the combined tax rate. Finally, bill proposes to reduce the current combined tax rate calculation for tax year 2025 to the 2024 tax rate.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Teresa Ibach