

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB5**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: February 13, 2023**

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

LB 5 would amend 48-101.01 in order to include mental injuries and mental illness resulting from workplace violence in workers compensation payouts. Currently PTSD is only covered by workers compensation if there is also physical injury. The intent of the bill is to provide compensation for workers who have been diagnosed by a medical professional as having mental injury and illness as a result of workplace violence by medical evidence.

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

**Senator Carol Blood**