

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1017**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 12, 2024  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor  
**Introducer:** Bosn  
**One Liner:** Change the schedule of compensation for certain injuries resulting in disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 4 Senators Halloran, Hansen, Ibach, Riepe  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 3 Senators Blood, Hunt, McKinney

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Carolyn Bosn  
Dallas Jones

Bob Hallstrom

Corbi Gilbertson

**Opponents:**

Todd Bennett  
Steve Howard  
Nick Grandgenett

**Neutral:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraskans for Workers Compensation Equity and Fairness  
National Federation of Independent Business, Nebraskans for Workers Compensation Equity and Fairness, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Retail Federation, Nebraska Grocery Industry Association  
American Prosperity Casualty Insurance Association

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of Trail Attorneys  
Steve Howard Law PC, LLO & Injured Nebraskans  
Nebraska Appleseed

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 1017 amends § 48-121(3), clarifying the circumstances under which workers compensation benefits are awarded based upon loss of earning capacity in cases where a loss or loss of use of more than one hand, arm foot, leg, or any combination thereof, has resulted in from the same



accident or illness. The bill explicitly states that loss or loss of use of multiple parts of the same extremity, such as an arm or leg, arm, resulting from the same accident or illness does not entitle loss of earning capacity benefits.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2683 removes the definition of loss of use.

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Merv Riepe, Chairperson

