One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: March 13, 2023

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

During the 107th Legislature, First Session (2021), the Legislature adopted the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act, which authorized any rural or suburban fire protection district, airport authority, city, village, or nonprofit corporation to provide enhanced cancer benefits to both paid and volunteer firefighters.

Legislative Bill 459 would appropriate General Funds to the State Fire Marshal for reimbursement to such rural or suburban fire protection districts, airport authorities, cities, villages, or nonprofit corporations that provide enhanced cancer benefits pursuant to the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act for the annual cost of premiums for such enhanced cancer benefits.

Principal Introducer:	
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