

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB501**

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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:

The intent of LB501 is to provide for compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for cancers experienced by firefighters.

Cancer that results in either temporary or permanent disability or death is now an occupational disease and is compensable as such.

This applies to firefighters who were exposed to carcinogens or reasonably know human carcinogens during the course of their employment or service.

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

**Senator Machaela Cavanaugh**