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Good morning, Chair Larson and Judiciary Committee. For the record I am Brandy Pyle from District 22. I am here to introduce HB 1284. This proposed legislation is intended to increase the liability charitable organization for money damages for a personal injury or property damage proximately caused by the negligence or wrongful act or omission of an employee acting within the employee's scope of employment. It's been a long time since these caps have been increased.

This would slowly increase the liability to \$375,000 per person up from \$250,000 first in July 2023.

Then, increase to \$406,250 per person and \$1,625,000 for a single occurrence in 2025.

The next increase then would be July 1, 2026 to \$437,500 per person and \$1,750,000 for any single occurrence.

Then the final increase would take place on July 1, 2027 for \$468,750 per person and \$1,875,000 per occurrence.

Section 2 changes the amount to \$500,000 per person and \$2,000,000 per occurrence in 2029.

So, section one has an emergency clause on it for it to begin before the end of the biennium, and section two becomes effective July 1, 2029.

This incremental increase is much like the state and political subdivisions limited liability that we increased last session.

I am aware of a possible request from one of the people coming to support this bill and am ok with the idea.

Thank you for the favorable consideration of HB1284.