

Senator Tim Mathern
Senate District 11
Testimony for SB 2094

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Industry Business and Labor Committee
Chairman Beard and Committee Members,

My name is Tim Mathern, Senator from District 11. I am sponsor of SB 2094.

The proposed legislation eliminates the retirement presumption effective for post-1995 claims. Under this bill, injured workers will continue receiving wage-loss benefits after they become eligible for social security retirement benefits. The bill also eliminates the three year cap on disability benefits for employees injured after they become eligible for social security retirement benefits. The legislation will apply to all claims regardless of date of injury.

Passage of the bill would prevent the devastating reduction of income that injured workers experience when they get to retirement age.

Injured workers asked me to introduce this bill and assured me they would be here to give testimony.

I ask you for a Do Pass recommendation on SB 2094.

Thank you.