

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB438**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Stinner**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: February 9, 2021**

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

LB 438 would appropriate funds to the Department of Labor for Program 31, Division of Employment, to hire additional employees for unemployment staffing services. The bill would appropriate \$22,238,096 from the General Fund in FY2021-22 and \$22,147,593 from the General Fund for FY2022-2023.

This bill is intended to improve outcomes in our unemployment insurance system by ensuring that the Department of Labor has an adequate amount of permanent FTEs to handle claim loads.

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

**Senator Matt Hansen, M.**