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### HB 141 Sponsor Statement

HB 141 provides stability for Alaskan businesses by defining rates for workers compensation procedures performed out of state, and establishing billing timelines. Although workers compensation rates vary widely from state to state, and procedure to procedure, Alaskan employers consistently pay the highest premium rates in the nation.

HB 141 eliminates the potential for workers compensation claims that are treated in another state to bill at Alaska's higher rates. This legislation specifies that reimbursement for services is billed under the workers compensation statutes of the state where services are rendered.

HB 141 requires a provider of medical treatment to submit bills to the employer within 180 days after the services are rendered. This eliminates the ability for providers to back bill for claims that were paid and presumed by the employer to be closed, years after the fact, which can be financially devastating for employers. This legislation provides predictability, and therefore stability to Alaskan businesses as they budget and plan for the future.