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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5325**

***AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION PAID TO INJURED EMPLOYEES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases, from 117 to 208 weeks, the duration of permanent, partial disability (PPD) benefits for a cervical spine injury that an injured worker may receive under the workers' compensation law.

By law, PPD benefits are for the permanent, partial reduction in function or loss of a body part. The worker receives PPD benefits based on the disability rating (a physician's determination of the percentage of the body part that is disabled), the weeks of compensation provided for that body part under the law, and the employee's basic compensation rate. By law, the weeks of compensation range from one (tooth) to 520 (heart, brain, or carotid artery) depending on the body part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/28/2024)