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This proposal is ridiculous. I've lived in Albuquerque for 35 years, and yes it can get pretty warm here. However, I was in the USAF in Las Vegas, NV for nearly 4 yrs prior to my assignment at Kirtland AFB; then I was reassigned to Edwards AFB, CA for more than 4 yrs. The temperatures at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas often hit 110°F up to 117°F and didn't cool off to much below 100°F for many days. Edwards AFB was even hotter than Nellis AFB. I don't recall Albuquerque ever being as hot as those two places.

I personally had to perform tasks in searing heat, and sometimes there was no shade for respite.

Men & women in New Mexico rarely have to work in conditions as hostile as they are in the Mojave Desert of Southern Nevada and Southeastern California. On those occasions or on the hotter days in New Mexico, workers absolutely need cool water, shaded break areas, electrolyte replacements, and immediate medical attention if needed. But breaks on a one part work to three parts break? You must be kidding.

Employee supervisors must be trained to recognize extreme heat exhaustion or sunstroke that are possible and their symptoms. The work to break ratio, depending on the nature of the tasks they are performing, could on rare occasions devolve to the ratio you propose, but that would have to be factored into the conditions at hand. But setting such a low productivity standard is wasteful and totally uncalled for nearly 99% of the time.