

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5055

AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1993

Brief Description: Revising provisions for unemployment compensation during labor disputes.

SPONSORS: Senators Prentice and Pelz

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE

Staff: Jonathan Seib (786-7427)

Hearing Dates: February 17, 1993

BACKGROUND:

With certain exceptions, persons unemployed due to a lockout by one member of a multi-employer bargaining unit following a strike against another member of the multi-employer unit are disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits. The disqualification ends when the lockout ends.

SUMMARY:

The language is deleted that disqualifies employees in a multi-employer bargaining unit from unemployment compensation benefits when the employees have been locked out following a strike against one of the employers in the bargaining unit.

The new coverage of locked out employees in multi-employer bargaining units is applied retroactively beginning May 1, 1989. However, when employees receive benefits under the retroactive coverage, the employer's experience rating account will not be charged for the benefits.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested February 15, 1993

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.