

1 **ESB 5770 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 4/12/95**

2 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

3 On page 2, after line 37, insert the following:

4 "Sec. 2. RCW 50.20.043 and 1985 c 40 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No otherwise eligible individual shall be denied benefits
7 for any week because the individual is in training with the
8 approval of the commissioner, nor shall such individual be denied
9 benefits with respect to any week in which the individual is
10 satisfactorily progressing in a training program with the approval
11 of the commissioner by reason of the application of RCW
12 50.20.010(3), 50.20.015, 50.20.080, or 50.22.020(1) relating to
13 availability for work and active search for work, or failure to
14 apply for or refusal to accept suitable work.

15 (2) An individual shall be considered to be in training with
16 the approval of the commissioner if the individual is one who:

17 (a)(i) The commissioner determines to be a dislocated worker
18 as defined by RCW 50.04.075;

19 (ii) Is within the category of long-term unemployed as defined
20 in RCW 50.62.020; or

21 (iii) Fits the department's profile of unemployed workers who
22 are likely to exhaust their benefits; and ((who))

23 (b) Is satisfactorily progressing in a training program
24 approved by the commissioner ((shall be considered to be in
25 training with the approval of the commissioner)).

26 (3) At the time of filing for an initial determination,
27 individuals within the category of long-term unemployed as defined
28 in RCW 50.62.020 or who fit the department's profile of unemployed
29 workers who are likely to exhaust their benefits shall be provided
30 with information concerning the individual's right, if otherwise

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1 eligible, to receive benefits while satisfactorily progressing in
2 training approved by the commissioner."

3 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds a provision that, in addition to dislocated workers, persons satisfactorily progressing in training who are long-term unemployed or who fit the profile of claimants likely to exhaust their unemployment benefits are considered to be in training with the approval of the commissioner of the Employment Security Department for purposes of the requirements for benefit eligibility. These persons must be given information, at the time of filing their claims, concerning the right to receive benefits while satisfactorily progressing in approved training.