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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 50.22 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) An additional benefit period is established for:

10 (a) An individual who has base year employment of at least one
11 thousand hours in the same industry and who:

12 (i) Has been terminated or has received a notice of termination
13 from employment;

14 (ii) Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment
15 compensation benefits; and

16 (iii) Is, in the determination of the employment security
17 department, in a declining occupation because of diminishing demand for
18 his or her skills; and

19 (b) An individual who meets the provisions of (a)(i) and (ii) of
20 this subsection, who is unlikely, in the determination of the
21 employment security department in consultation with its labor market
22 and economic analysis division, to return to employment in his or her
23 principal occupation or previous industry because of diminishing demand
24 for his or her skills in that occupation or industry, and who has base
25 year employment of at least one thousand hours, but if the individual
26 does not have one thousand hours, then has base year employment in the
27 same industry of at least six hundred eighty hours during his or her
28 base year and of at least six hundred eighty hours during the period of
29 four consecutive calendar quarters prior to his or her base year, in
30 the:

31 (i) Forest products industry, determined by the department, but
32 including the industries assigned the major group standard industrial
33 classification codes "24" and "26" or any equivalent codes in a
34 successor classification system as determined by the commissioner, and
35 the industries involved in the harvesting and management of logs,
36 transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products,

1 and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and logging
2 equipment. New claims for additional benefits under this subsection
3 (1)(b)(i) shall be accepted only for weeks of unemployment beginning
4 after July 1, 1999;

5 (ii) Fishing industry assigned the standard industrial
6 classification code "0912" or any equivalent codes in a successor
7 classification system as determined by the commissioner. New claims
8 for additional benefits under this subsection (1)(b)(ii) shall be
9 accepted only for weeks of unemployment beginning after July 1, 1999;
10 or

11 (iii) Aerospace industry assigned the standard industrial
12 classification code "372" or any equivalent codes in a successor
13 classification system as determined by the commissioner.

14 (2) The total additional benefit amount for individuals described
15 in subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be fifty-two times the
16 individual's weekly benefit amount, reduced by the total amount of
17 regular benefits paid, or deemed paid, with respect to the benefit
18 year.

19 (3) The total additional benefit amount for individuals described
20 in subsection (1)(b) of this section shall be one hundred four times
21 the individual's weekly benefit amount, reduced by the total amount of
22 regular benefits paid, or deemed paid, with respect to the benefit
23 year.

24 (4)(a) For individuals described in subsection (1)(b) of this
25 section, no new claims for additional benefits shall be accepted for
26 weeks beginning after July 1, 2001, but for claims established on or
27 before July 1, 2001, weeks of unemployment occurring after July 1,
28 2001, shall be compensated as provided in this section.

29 (b) For individuals described in subsection (1)(a) of this section,
30 no new claims for additional benefits shall be accepted for weeks
31 beginning after July 1, 2003, but for claims established on or before
32 July 1, 2003, weeks of unemployment occurring after July 1, 2003, shall
33 be compensated as provided in this section.

34 (5) An additional benefit eligibility period is established for any
35 exhaustee meeting the requirements of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this
36 section who:

37 (a) Develops an individual training program that is submitted to
38 the commissioner for approval by sixty days after the individual is
39 notified by the department of the requirements of this section;

1 (b) Enters the approved training program by ninety days after the
2 date of the notification, unless the department determines that the
3 training is not available during the ninety-day period, in which case
4 the individual enters training as soon as it is available; and

5 (c) Is enrolled in training approved under this section on a full-
6 time basis as determined by the educational institution, and making
7 satisfactory progress in the training by maintaining a grade point
8 average sufficient to graduate and attending all classes included in
9 the approved training plan, as certified by the educational
10 institution.

11 (6) The weekly benefit amount shall be the same as the regular
12 weekly amount payable during the applicable benefit year.

13 (7) Benefits paid under this section shall be paid under the same
14 terms and conditions as regular benefits. The additional benefits
15 shall be paid before any extended benefits but not before any similar
16 federally funded program.

17 (8) Additional benefits may not be payable for weeks more than one
18 year beyond the end of the benefit year of the regular claim for
19 individuals described in subsection (1)(a) of this section or more than
20 two years beyond the end of the benefit year of the regular claim for
21 individuals in subsection (1)(b) of this section.

22 (9) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
23 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

24 (a) "Training program" means:

25 (i) A remedial education program determined to be necessary after
26 counseling at the educational institution in which the individual
27 enrolls under his or her approved training program; or

28 (ii) A vocational training program at an educational institution
29 that:

30 (A) Is training for a demand occupation; and

31 (B) Is likely to enhance the individual's marketable skills and
32 earning power.

33 "Training program" does not include any course of education
34 primarily intended to meet the requirements of a baccalaureate or
35 higher degree, unless the training meets specific requirements for
36 certification, licensing, or for specific skills necessary for the
37 occupation.

38 (b) "Educational institution" means an institution of higher
39 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016(4) or an educational institution

1 as defined in RCW 28C.04.410(3), including equivalent educational
2 institutions in other states.

3 (10) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
4 this section.

5 (11) The requirement under RCW 50.22.010(10) relating to exhausting
6 regular benefits does not apply to an individual otherwise eligible for
7 additional benefits under this section when the individual's benefit
8 year ends before his or her additional benefits are exhausted and the
9 individual is eligible for a new benefit year. These individuals will
10 have the option of remaining on the original claim or filing a new
11 claim.

12 (12) All base year employers will be considered interested parties
13 to the granting of additional benefits which gives them the right to
14 appeal an additional benefits determination.

15 (13) Individuals who receive additional benefits under this section
16 may not be eligible for a second additional benefits eligibility period
17 for five years from the first receipt of additional benefits under this
18 section.

19 (14) Any individual who participates in the commercial fleet
20 reduction buy-back program through the department of fish and wildlife,
21 may not receive additional benefits under this section.

22 (15) The department shall review the participation in the
23 additional benefits program by individuals described in subsection
24 (1)(a) of this section and report to the appropriate committees of the
25 legislature on or before December 1, 2001, on the following:

26 (a) The number of claimants per standard industrial classification
27 code who participate in the additional benefits program under this
28 section;

29 (b) The duration of additional benefits claimed per claimant;

30 (c) The training curriculum/field/category for each participant;

31 (d) The employment and wage history of participants; and

32 (e) A comparison between the employment history of participants and
33 otherwise eligible nonparticipants.

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.24.010 and 1984 c 205 s 2 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 Contributions shall accrue and become payable by each employer
37 (except employers as described in RCW 50.44.010 who have properly
38 elected to make payments in lieu of contributions and those employers

1 who are required to make payments in lieu of contributions) for each
2 calendar year in which the employer is subject to this title at the
3 rate established pursuant to chapter 50.29 RCW.

4 In each rate year, the amount of wages subject to tax for each
5 individual shall be one hundred fifteen percent of the amount of wages
6 subject to tax for the previous year rounded to the next lower one
7 hundred dollars: PROVIDED, That the amount of wages subject to tax in
8 any rate year shall not exceed (~~(eighty)~~) seventy percent of the
9 "average annual wage for contributions purposes" for the second
10 preceding calendar year rounded to the next lower one hundred
11 dollars(~~(: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the amount subject to tax shall be~~
12 ~~twelve thousand dollars for rate year 1984 and ten thousand dollars for~~
13 ~~rate year 1985.)~~), except that the maximum percentage under this
14 proviso shall be as follows for the specified rate year:

15	<u>Rate year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16	<u>2000</u>	<u>65%</u>
17	<u>2001</u>	<u>66%</u>
18	<u>2002</u>	<u>67%</u>
19	<u>2003</u>	<u>68%</u>
20	<u>2004</u>	<u>69%</u>

21 In making computations under this section and RCW 50.29.010, wages
22 paid based on services for employers making payments in lieu of
23 contributions shall not be considered remuneration. Moneys paid from
24 the fund, based on services performed for employers who make payments
25 in lieu of contributions, which have not been reimbursed to the fund as
26 of any June 30 shall be deemed an asset of the unemployment
27 compensation fund, to the extent that such moneys exceed the amount of
28 payments in lieu of contributions which the commissioner has previously
29 determined to be uncollectible: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the amount
30 attributable to employment with the state shall also include interest
31 as provided for in RCW 50.44.020.

32 Contributions shall become due and be paid by each employer to the
33 treasurer for the unemployment compensation fund in accordance with
34 such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, and shall not be
35 deducted, in whole or in part, from the remuneration of individuals in
36 employment of the employer. Any deduction in violation of the
37 provisions of this section shall be unlawful.

1 In the payment of any contributions, a fractional part of a cent
2 shall be disregarded unless it amounts to one-half cent or more, in
3 which case it shall be increased to one cent.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 50.29.020 and 1995 c 57 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) An experience rating account shall be established and
7 maintained for each employer, except employers as described in RCW
8 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in
9 lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers as described
10 in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments
11 in lieu of contributions, based on existing records of the employment
12 security department. Benefits paid to any eligible individuals shall
13 be charged to the experience rating accounts of each of such
14 individual's employers during the individual's base year in the same
15 ratio that the wages paid by each employer to the individual during the
16 base year bear to the wages paid by all employers to that individual
17 during that base year, except as otherwise provided in this section.

18 (2) The legislature finds that certain benefit payments, in whole
19 or in part, should not be charged to the experience rating accounts of
20 employers except those employers described in RCW 50.44.010 and
21 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of
22 contributions, taxable local government employers described in RCW
23 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments in
24 lieu of contributions, as follows:

25 (a) Benefits paid to any individuals later determined to be
26 ineligible shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any
27 contribution paying employer.

28 (b) Benefits paid to an individual filing under the provisions of
29 chapter 50.06 RCW shall not be charged to the experience rating account
30 of any contribution paying employer only if:

31 (i) The individual files under RCW 50.06.020(1) after receiving
32 crime victims' compensation for a disability resulting from a nonwork-
33 related occurrence; or

34 (ii) The individual files under RCW 50.06.020(2).

35 (c) Benefits paid which represent the state's share of benefits
36 payable under (~~chapter 50.22~~) RCW 50.22.010(6) shall not be charged
37 to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

1 (d) In the case of individuals who requalify for benefits under RCW
2 50.20.050 or 50.20.060, benefits based on wage credits earned prior to
3 the disqualifying separation shall not be charged to the experience
4 rating account of the contribution paying employer from whom that
5 separation took place.

6 (e) In the case of individuals identified under RCW 50.20.015,
7 benefits paid with respect to a calendar quarter, which exceed the
8 total amount of wages earned in the state of Washington in the higher
9 of two corresponding calendar quarters included within the individual's
10 determination period, as defined in RCW 50.20.015, shall not be charged
11 to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

12 (3)(a) (~~Beginning July 1, 1985,~~) A contribution-paying base year
13 employer, not otherwise eligible for relief of charges for benefits
14 under this section, may receive such relief if the benefit charges
15 result from payment to an individual who:

16 (i) Last left the employ of such employer voluntarily for reasons
17 not attributable to the employer;

18 (ii) Was discharged for misconduct connected with his or her work
19 not a result of inability to meet the minimum job requirements;

20 (iii) Is unemployed as a result of closure or severe curtailment of
21 operation at the employer's plant, building, work site, or other
22 facility. This closure must be for reasons directly attributable to a
23 catastrophic occurrence such as fire, flood, or other natural disaster;
24 or

25 (iv) Continues to be employed on a regularly scheduled permanent
26 part-time basis by a base year employer and who at some time during the
27 base year was concurrently employed and subsequently separated from at
28 least one other base year employer. Benefit charge relief ceases when
29 the employment relationship between the employer requesting relief and
30 the claimant is terminated. This subsection does not apply to shared
31 work employers under chapter 50.60 RCW.

32 (b) The employer requesting relief of charges under this subsection
33 must request relief in writing within thirty days following mailing to
34 the last known address of the notification of the valid initial
35 determination of such claim, stating the date and reason for the
36 separation or the circumstances of continued employment. The
37 commissioner, upon investigation of the request, shall determine
38 whether relief should be granted.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 50.29.025 and 1995 c 4 s 2 are each amended to read as
2 follows:

3 The contribution rate for each employer shall be determined under
4 this section.

5 (1) A fund balance ratio shall be determined by dividing the
6 balance in the unemployment compensation fund as of the June 30th
7 immediately preceding the rate year by the total remuneration paid by
8 all employers subject to contributions during the second calendar year
9 preceding the rate year and reported to the department by the following
10 March 31st. The division shall be carried to the fourth decimal place
11 with the remaining fraction, if any, disregarded. The fund balance
12 ratio shall be expressed as a percentage.

13 (2) The interval of the fund balance ratio, expressed as a
14 percentage, shall determine which tax schedule in subsection (5) of
15 this section shall be in effect for assigning tax rates for the rate
16 year. The intervals for determining the effective tax schedule shall
17 be:

18	Interval of the	
19	Fund Balance Ratio	Effective
20	Expressed as a Percentage	Tax Schedule
21	2.90 and above	AA
22	((2.50 to 2.89)) <u>2.10 to 2.89</u>	A
23	((2.10 to 2.49)) <u>1.70 to 2.09</u>	B
24	((1.70 to 2.09)) <u>1.40 to 1.69</u>	C
25	((1.30 to 1.69)) <u>1.00 to 1.39</u>	D
26	((1.00 to 1.29)) <u>0.70 to 0.99</u>	E
27	Less than ((1.00)) <u>0.70</u>	F

28 (3) An array shall be prepared, listing all qualified employers in
29 ascending order of their benefit ratios. The array shall show for each
30 qualified employer: (a) Identification number; (b) benefit ratio; (c)
31 taxable payrolls for the four calendar quarters immediately preceding
32 the computation date and reported to the department by the cut-off
33 date; (d) a cumulative total of taxable payrolls consisting of the
34 employer's taxable payroll plus the taxable payrolls of all other
35 employers preceding him or her in the array; and (e) the percentage
36 equivalent of the cumulative total of taxable payrolls.

37 (4) Each employer in the array shall be assigned to one of twenty
38 rate classes according to the percentage intervals of cumulative

1 taxable payrolls set forth in subsection (5) of this section:
 2 PROVIDED, That if an employer's taxable payroll falls within two or
 3 more rate classes, the employer and any other employer with the same
 4 benefit ratio shall be assigned to the lowest rate class which includes
 5 any portion of the employer's taxable payroll.

6 (5)(a) Subject to (b) of this subsection, the contribution rate for
 7 each employer in the array shall be the rate specified in the following
 8 tables for the rate class to which he or she has been assigned, as
 9 determined under subsection (4) of this section, within the tax
 10 schedule which is to be in effect during the rate year:

11 ((Percent of
 12 Cumulative Schedules of Contributions Rates
 13 Taxable Payrolls for Effective Tax Schedule

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Rate											
From	To	Class	AA	A	B	C	D	E	F		
0.00	5.00	1	0.48	0.48	0.58	0.98	1.48	1.88	2.48		
5.01	10.00	2	0.48	0.48	0.78	1.18	1.68	2.08	2.68		
10.01	15.00	3	0.58	0.58	0.98	1.38	1.78	2.28	2.88		
15.01	20.00	4	0.58	0.78	1.18	1.58	1.98	2.48	3.08		
20.01	25.00	5	0.78	0.98	1.38	1.78	2.18	2.68	3.18		
25.01	30.00	6	0.98	1.18	1.58	1.98	2.38	2.78	3.28		
30.01	35.00	7	1.08	1.38	1.78	2.18	2.58	2.98	3.38		
35.01	40.00	8	1.28	1.58	1.98	2.38	2.78	3.18	3.58		
40.01	45.00	9	1.48	1.78	2.18	2.58	2.98	3.38	3.78		
45.01	50.00	10	1.68	1.98	2.38	2.78	3.18	3.58	3.98		
50.01	55.00	11	1.98	2.28	2.58	2.98	3.38	3.78	4.08		
55.01	60.00	12	2.18	2.48	2.78	3.18	3.58	3.98	4.28		
60.01	65.00	13	2.38	2.68	2.98	3.38	3.78	4.18	4.48		
65.01	70.00	14	2.58	2.88	3.18	3.58	3.98	4.38	4.68		
70.01	75.00	15	2.88	3.08	3.38	3.78	4.18	4.58	4.78		
75.01	80.00	16	3.08	3.28	3.58	3.98	4.38	4.68	4.88		
80.01	85.00	17	3.28	3.48	3.78	4.18	4.58	4.88	4.98		
85.01	90.00	18	3.68	3.88	4.18	4.58	4.88	4.98	5.18		
90.01	95.00	19	4.08	4.28	4.58	4.98	5.08	5.18	5.38		
95.01	100.00	20	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40		

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		<u>Percent of</u>									
		<u>Cumulative</u>									
		<u>Schedules of Contributions Rates</u>									
		<u>for Effective Tax Schedule</u>									
		<u>Taxable Payrolls</u>									
		<u>Rate</u>									
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	
6	0.00	5.00	1	0.48	0.48	0.58	0.98	1.48	1.88	2.48	
7	5.01	10.00	2	0.48	0.48	0.78	1.18	1.68	2.08	2.68	
8	10.01	15.00	3	0.58	0.58	0.98	1.38	1.78	2.28	2.88	
9	15.01	20.00	4	0.58	0.78	1.18	1.58	1.98	2.48	3.08	
10	20.01	25.00	5	0.73	0.93	1.28	1.68	2.03	2.54	3.14	
11	25.01	30.00	6	0.85	1.05	1.38	1.78	2.18	2.58	3.18	
12	30.01	35.00	7	0.97	1.17	1.58	1.98	2.38	2.78	3.28	
13	35.01	40.00	8	1.09	1.29	1.78	2.18	2.58	2.98	3.38	
14	40.01	45.00	9	1.21	1.41	1.98	2.38	2.80	3.18	3.48	
15	45.01	50.00	10	1.33	1.53	2.18	2.58	3.00	3.38	3.58	
16	50.01	55.00	11	1.58	1.78	2.38	2.78	3.20	3.48	3.68	
17	55.01	60.00	12	1.91	2.11	2.58	3.03	3.40	3.68	3.69	
18	60.01	65.00	13	2.13	2.31	2.78	3.23	3.60	3.88	4.18	
19	65.01	70.00	14	2.53	2.73	2.98	3.43	3.80	4.08	4.38	
20	70.01	75.00	15	2.88	3.08	3.18	3.48	4.00	4.33	4.58	
21	75.01	80.00	16	3.20	3.40	3.48	3.58	4.20	4.48	4.78	
22	80.01	85.00	17	3.50	3.70	3.85	4.00	4.20	4.40	4.60	
23	85.01	90.00	18	4.20	4.40	4.55	4.70	4.90	5.10	5.30	
24	90.01	95.00	19	4.70	4.90	5.05	5.20	5.40	5.60	5.80	
25	95.01	100.00	20	6.00	6.56	6.71	6.86	7.06	7.26	7.46	
26			20A	5.70	5.90	6.05	6.20	6.35	6.50	6.65	
27			20B	5.90	6.10	6.25	6.40	6.55	6.70	6.85	

28 (b)(i) Rate class 20A is limited to employers whose standard
 29 industrial classification code, or the equivalent code in a successor
 30 classification system as determined by the commissioner, is "013",
 31 "016", "017", "018", and "019" and who would otherwise be in rate class
 32 20.

33 (ii) Rate class 20B is limited to employers whose standard
 34 industrial classification code, or the equivalent code in a successor
 35 classification system as determined by the commissioner, is "091" or
 36 "203" and who would otherwise be in rate class 20.

37 (c) Contractors engaging in construction activities under the
 38 terms of a written contract or contract addendum that was entered into
 39 prior to the effective date of this section may request the project
 40 owner or owner's agent to adjust payment provisions or contract terms
 41 to reflect the additional cost attributable to the contribution

1 increases imposed by section 4, chapter . . . , Laws of 1999 (this act).
2 Such a request does not invalidate the original contract or contract
3 addendum. Owners or owners' agents shall consider such a request for
4 adjustment and equitably adjust the contract accordingly.

5 (6) The contribution rate for each employer not qualified to be in
6 the array shall be as follows:

7 (a) Employers who do not meet the definition of "qualified
8 employer" by reason of failure to pay contributions when due shall be
9 assigned (~~((the contribution rate of five and six tenths percent))~~) a
10 contribution rate two-tenths higher than that in rate class 20 for the
11 applicable rate year, except employers who have an approved agency-
12 deferred payment contract by September 30 of the previous rate year.
13 If any employer with an approved agency-deferred payment contract fails
14 to make any one of the succeeding deferred payments or fails to submit
15 any succeeding tax report and payment in a timely manner, the
16 employer's tax rate shall immediately revert to (~~((five and six tenths~~
17 ~~percent for the current rate year))~~) a contribution rate two-tenths
18 higher than that in rate class 20 for the applicable rate year; and

19 (~~((The contribution rate for employers exempt as of December 31,~~
20 ~~1989, who are newly covered under the section 78, chapter 380, Laws of~~
21 ~~1989 amendment to RCW 50.04.150 and not yet qualified to be in the~~
22 ~~array shall be 2.5 percent for employers whose standard industrial code~~
23 ~~is "013", "016", "017", "018", "019", "021", or "081"; and~~

24 ~~((e)))~~ For all other employers not qualified to be in the array, the
25 contribution rate shall be a rate equal to the average industry rate as
26 determined by the commissioner; however, the rate may not be less than
27 one percent. Assignment of employers by the commissioner to industrial
28 classification, for purposes of this subsection, shall be in accordance
29 with established classification practices found in the "Standard
30 Industrial Classification Manual" issued by the federal office of
31 management and budget to the third digit provided in the Standard
32 Industrial Classification code, or as found in a successor code
33 recognized by the commissioner.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The unemployment insurance advisory
35 committee shall conduct a review of the adequacy of penalties, both
36 criminal and administrative, for enforcing this title. The review
37 shall include the frequency of penalties imposed and the amount of the
38 penalty. The committee shall also review the adequacy of employer

1 responses to notices of applications for initial determinations, or
2 similar notices given when claimants reestablish eligibility, and the
3 effect of employer responses on any review process conducted under
4 chapter 50.32 RCW. The employment security department shall report the
5 committee's findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees
6 of the legislature by December 1, 1999.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The commissioner of the employment security
8 department is authorized to adopt rules necessary to implement this
9 act.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** RCW 50.20.042 (Unemployed aerospace
11 workers--Training) and 1993 c 226 s 7 are each repealed.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any part of this act is found to be in
13 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
14 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of
15 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with
16 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not
17 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to
18 the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal
19 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal
20 funds by the state.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If any provision of this act or its
22 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
23 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
24 persons or circumstances is not affected.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 and 3 of this act are necessary
26 for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety,
27 or support of the state government and its existing public
28 institutions, and take effect immediately.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 2 and 4 of this act take effect
30 January 1, 2000, and apply to rate years beginning on or after January
31 1, 2000."

1 Correct the title.

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