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Sponsor(s): Senators B. Sheldon, Winsley, Franklin, McAuliffe, Prentice, Snyder and Jacobsen

Brief Description: Establishing a self-employment assistance program.

SB 5568.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/5/99)

Declares that, under federal law, the legislature may establish a self-employment assistance program as part of its unemployment insurance program. The legislature finds that the establishment of a self-employment assistance program would assist unemployed individuals and create new businesses and job opportunities in Washington state.

Provides that, in every week that an individual is paid a self-employment assistance allowance, the individual must participate in either entrepreneurial training or business counseling. In any week that an individual fails to participate in either entrepreneurial training or business counseling, the individual shall be disqualified for the week the failure occurs and the individual shall not receive either a self-employment assistance allowance or regular benefits for the week the failure occurs.