

**SB 5971** - S AMD 192

By Senators Keiser and Winsley

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1 On page 2, after "**Sec. 3.**" on line 29, insert the following:  
2 "RCW 50.62.020 and 1987 c 284 sec 2 are each amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
5 this section apply throughout this chapter.

6 (1) "Job service" means the employment assistance program of the  
7 employment security department;

8 (2) "Employment assistance" means services to unemployed persons  
9 focused on and measured by the obtaining of employment;

10 (3) "Labor exchange" means those activities which match labor  
11 supply and labor demand, including recruitment, screening, and referral  
12 of qualified workers to employers;

13 (4) "Special account of the administrative contingency fund" means  
14 that fund under RCW 50.24.014 established within the administrative  
15 contingency fund of the employment security department which provides  
16 revenue for the purposes of this chapter.

17 (5) "Continuous wage and benefit history" means an information and  
18 research system utilizing a longitudinal data base containing  
19 information on both employment and unemployment.

20 (6) "Long-term unemployed" means demographic groups of unemployment  
21 insurance claimants identified by the employment security department  
22 pursuant to RCW 50.62.040(1)(e) which have the highest percentages of  
23 persons who have drawn at least fifteen weeks of unemployment insurance  
24 benefits or have the highest percentage of persons who have exhausted  
25 their unemployment insurance benefits.

26 (7) "Older unemployed workers" means unemployment insurance  
27 claimants who are at least fifty years of age.

28 (8) "Unemployed Fircrest workers" are those persons employed at the  
29 Fircrest school whose jobs were eliminated by the closure of Fircrest  
30 school.

31 **Sec 4.** RCW 50.62.030 and 1995 c 135 sec 4 are each amended to read  
32 as follows:

1 Job service resources shall be used to assist with the reemployment  
2 of unemployed workers using the most efficient and effective means of  
3 service delivery. The job service program of the employment security  
4 department may undertake any program or activity for which funds are  
5 available and which furthers the goals of this chapter. These programs  
6 and activities shall include, but are not limited to:

7 (1) Giving unemployed Fircrest workers, older unemployed workers  
8 and the long-term unemployed the highest priority for all services made  
9 available under this section. The employment security department shall  
10 make the services provided under this chapter available to the  
11 unemployed Fircrest workers, older unemployed workers and the long-term  
12 unemployed as soon as they register under the employment assistance  
13 program;

14 (2) Supplementing basic employment services, with special job  
15 search and claimant placement assistance designed to assist  
16 unemployment insurance claimants to obtain employment;

17 (3) Providing employment services, such as recruitment, screening,  
18 and referral of qualified workers, to agricultural areas where these  
19 services have in the past contributed to positive economic conditions  
20 for the agricultural industry; and

21 (4) Providing otherwise unobtainable information and analysis to  
22 the legislature and program managers about issues related to employment  
23 and unemployment.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 50.04.075 and 1984 c 181 sec. 1 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 "Dislocated worker" means any individual who:

27 (1) Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from  
28 employment;

29 (2) Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment  
30 compensation benefits; and

31 (3) Is unlikely to return to employment in the individual's  
32 principal occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing  
33 demand for their skills in that occupation or industry or is an  
34 employee at Fircrest school whose job was terminated by the closure of  
35 Fircrest school."

1           Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
2 references accordingly.

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6           On page 1, on line 2 of the title, after "28A.190.020;", insert  
7 "50.04.075; 50.62.020; 50.62.030;".

8           **EFFECT:** Provides special unemployment assistance to Fircrest school  
9 workers and amends "dislocated worker" statute to include Fircrest  
10 workers.