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1 On page 13, beginning on line 23, strike all of section 12 and  
2 insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 50.20  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) With respect to claims that have an effective date on or after  
6 January 2, 2005, an otherwise eligible individual may not be denied  
7 benefits for any week because the individual is a part-time worker and  
8 is available for, seeks, applies for, or accepts only work of seventeen  
9 or fewer hours per week by reason of the application of RCW  
10 50.20.010(1)(c), 50.20.080, or 50.22.020(1) relating to availability  
11 for work and active search for work, or failure to apply for or refusal  
12 to accept suitable work.

13 (2) For purposes of this section, "part-time worker" means an  
14 individual who: (a) Earned wages in "employment" in at least forty  
15 weeks in the individual's base year; and (b) did not earn wages in  
16 "employment" in more than seventeen hours per week in any weeks in the  
17 individual's base year."

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18 On page 16, line 21, after "(3)" strike all material through "(4)"  
19 on line 26

20 On page 16, line 28, after "is for" strike "twenty" and insert  
21 "seventeen"

1 On page 16, at the beginning of line 29, strike "(5)" and insert  
2 "(4)"

3 On page 16, beginning on line 35, strike all of section 14

4 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct internal  
5 references accordingly, and correct the title.

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6 On page 24, line 33, after "percent" insert "or, for employers  
7 whose standard industrial classification code is within major group  
8 "01," "02," "07," "091," "203," "209," or "5148," or the equivalent  
9 code in the North American industry classification system code, may not  
10 exceed six percent"

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11 On page 35, beginning on line 29, strike all of subsection (d)

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12 On page 36, beginning on line 28, strike all of subsection (f)

EFFECT: The amendment (1) deletes special requirements relating

to seasonal workers; (2) changes the part-time worker requirements to require search for work of at least 17 hours, not 20, per week; (3) deletes the transitional training benefits program; and (4) adds a rate cap of 6 percent for employers in certain seasonal industries, such as fishing, agriculture, and food processing.

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