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SENATE BILL 5016

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By Senators Hewitt, Mulliken, Parlette, Stevens, Horn, Deccio and Esser

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1            AN ACT Relating to the calculation of unemployment compensation  
2 benefits; and amending RCW 50.20.120.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.120 and 2002 c 149 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Subject to the other provisions of this title, benefits shall  
7 be payable to any eligible individual during the individual's benefit  
8 year in a maximum amount equal to the lesser of thirty times the weekly  
9 benefit amount (determined hereinafter) or one-third of the  
10 individual's base year wages under this title: PROVIDED, That as to  
11 any week beginning on and after March 31, 1981, which falls in an  
12 extended benefit period as defined in RCW 50.22.010(1), as now or  
13 hereafter amended, an individual's eligibility for maximum benefits in  
14 excess of twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount will be  
15 subject to the terms and conditions set forth in RCW 50.22.020, as now  
16 or hereafter amended.

17            (2) An individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an amount equal  
18 to one twenty-fifth of the average quarterly wages of the individual's  
19 total wages during the (~~two quarters of the~~) individual's base year

1 (~~in which such total wages were highest~~). The maximum and minimum  
2 amounts payable weekly shall be determined as of each June 30th to  
3 apply to benefit years beginning in the twelve-month period immediately  
4 following such June 30th. Except as provided in RCW 50.20.125, the  
5 maximum amount payable weekly shall be seventy percent of the "average  
6 weekly wage" for the calendar year preceding such June 30th. The  
7 minimum amount payable weekly shall be fifteen percent of the "average  
8 weekly wage" for the calendar year preceding such June 30th. If any  
9 weekly benefit, maximum benefit, or minimum benefit amount computed  
10 herein is not a multiple of one dollar, it shall be reduced to the next  
11 lower multiple of one dollar.

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