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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5310**

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development  
(originally sponsored by Senators Johnson, Roach, Swecker, Schoesler,  
Stevens and Hewitt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to surveys of unemployment insurance benefit  
2 recipients; and amending RCW 50.38.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.38.060 and 1993 c 62 s 6 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) To implement this chapter, the department (~~(has authority to)~~)  
7 may:

8 ~~((1))~~ (a) Establish mechanisms to recover actual costs incurred  
9 in producing and providing otherwise nonfunded labor market  
10 information.

11 ~~((a))~~ (i) If the commissioner, in his or her discretion,  
12 determines that providing labor market information is in the public  
13 interest, the requested information may be provided at reduced costs.

14 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The department shall provide access to labor market  
15 information products that constitute public records available for  
16 public inspection and copying under chapter 42.17 RCW, at fees not  
17 exceeding those allowed under RCW 42.17.300 and consistent with the  
18 department's fee schedule;

1       (~~(+2)~~) (b) Receive federal set aside funds from several federal  
2 programs that are authorized to fund state and local labor market  
3 information and are required to use such information in support of  
4 their programs;

5       (~~(+3)~~) (c) Enter into agreements with other public agencies for  
6 statistical analysis, research, or evaluation studies of local, state,  
7 and federally funded employment, training, education, and job creation  
8 programs to increase the efficiency or quality of service provided to  
9 the public consistent with chapter 50.13 RCW;

10       (~~(+4)~~) (d) Coordinate with other state agencies to study ways to  
11 standardize federal and state multi-agency administrative records, such  
12 as unemployment insurance information and other information to produce  
13 employment, training, education, and economic analysis needed to  
14 improve labor market information products and services; and

15       (~~(+5)~~) (e) Produce agricultural labor market information and  
16 economic analysis needed to facilitate the efficient and effective  
17 matching of the local supply and demand of agricultural labor critical  
18 to an effective agricultural labor exchange in Washington state.  
19 Information collected for an agricultural labor market information  
20 effort will be coordinated with other federal, state, and local  
21 statistical agencies to minimize reporting burden through cooperative  
22 data collection efforts for statistical analysis, research, or studies.

23       (2) Whenever the department surveys either current or former  
24 unemployment insurance benefit recipients, it shall note, in large  
25 font, on both the survey instrument and on all accompanying  
26 correspondence that participation in the survey is entirely voluntary.

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