
SENATE BILL 5310

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By Senators Johnson, Roach, Swecker, Schoesler, Stevens and Hewitt

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Commerce, Research & Development.

1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the employment security department
2 from asking claimants about household spending; and amending RCW
3 50.38.060.

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

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

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

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

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

15 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The department shall provide access to labor market
16 information products that constitute public records available for
17 public inspection and copying under chapter 42.17 RCW, at fees not
18 exceeding those allowed under RCW 42.17.300 and consistent with the
19 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) To respect the privacy and dignity of individual claimants, the
24 department may not survey current or former claimants regarding any
25 claimant's household budget or the expenditure of his or her
26 unemployment benefits.

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