

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2656

As Passed House:

February 7, 2008

Title: An act relating to correcting statutory references in the calculation of predecessor and successor employer contribution rates.

Brief Description: Correcting statutory references in the calculation of predecessor and successor employer contribution rates.

Sponsors: By Representatives Conway, Green and Wood; by request of Employment Security Department.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Commerce & Labor: 1/17/08, 1/18/08, 1/24/08 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/7/08, 25-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Makes corrections to two statutory references in the Employment Security Act.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Conway, Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Condotta, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Crouse, Green, Moeller and Williams.

Staff: Brian Considine (786-7290).

Background:

Washington's unemployment insurance system requires covered employers to pay contributions on a percentage of taxable payroll. The contributions of covered employers are held in trust to pay benefits to unemployed workers.

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Legislation in 2007 amended and restructured provisions in the Employment Security Act (Act) that specify how contribution rates are determined. The legislation did not correct two references to these provisions elsewhere in the Act.

Summary of Bill:

Corrections are made to two references to provisions in the Act that specify how contribution rates are determined.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This is purely a technical correction in the unemployment tax law.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Nan Thomas, Employment Security Department.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.