
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2626

State of Washington

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By House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Blake, Takko, DeBolt, Ormsby, Roberts, Kenney, Morrell, Simpson, and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the governor to suspend the waiting
2 week for individuals who are unemployed because of an emergency or
3 disaster; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The employment security department shall
6 conduct a study of options for suspending the waiting period
7 requirement for individuals who are unemployed because of an emergency
8 or disaster, or otherwise compensating such individuals for lost wages.
9 The department shall also examine ways to mitigate the impacts, if any,
10 of these options on the unemployment compensation system. The
11 department shall report on its study to the appropriate committees of
12 the legislature by December 1, 2008.

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