

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2649

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection, February 25, 2010

Title: An act relating to correcting references in RCW 50.29.021(2)(c)(i), (c)(ii), and (3)(e), RCW 50.29.062(2)(b)(i)(B) and (2)(b)(iii), and RCW 50.29.063(1)(b) and (2)(a)(ii) to unemployment insurance statutes concerning employer experience rating accounts and contribution rates.

Brief Description: Correcting references in RCW 50.29.021(2)(c)(i), (c)(ii), and (3)(e), RCW 50.29.062(2)(b)(i)(B) and (2)(b)(iii), and RCW 50.29.063(1)(b) and (2)(a)(ii) to unemployment insurance statutes concerning employer experience rating accounts and contribution rates.

Sponsors: House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Conway, Moeller and Williams; by request of Employment Security Department).

Brief History: Passed House: 1/28/10, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 2/18/10, 2/22/10, 2/25/10 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Franklin, Honeyford, King and Kline.

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Background: In 2009 the Legislature amended multiple unemployment insurance statutes, including the voluntary quits statute and the statute providing for the calculation of employer contribution rates.

With regards to voluntary quits, the 2009 legislation did not correct references to voluntary quits in a separate statute that lists circumstances when the experience rating of the employer is charged or not charged for the separation.

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With regards to the calculation of employer contribution rates, the 2009 legislation did not correct references to the amended statute in a separate statute that provides for the calculation of predecessor and successor contribution rates.

Summary of Bill: References are corrected.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.