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HOUSE BILL 3129

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By Representatives Conway and Simpson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the unemployment insurance system, but only with  
2 respect to improving unemployment benefits and adjusting unemployment  
3 contributions; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the fundamental  
6 purposes of the unemployment insurance system are to provide partial  
7 wage replacement to unemployed workers, to provide families and  
8 communities with a degree of economic stability, and to counter the  
9 harmful effects of economic downturns by providing the economy with an  
10 economic stimulus. To that end, the legislature finds that eligibility  
11 requirements, disqualification provisions, and benefit amounts related  
12 to regular and additional benefits should be improved to enhance the  
13 effects of the unemployment insurance system on individuals, families,  
14 and communities. Furthermore, the legislature finds that unemployment  
15 contributions should be adjusted to help unemployed and low-income  
16 citizens access the training and education necessary to help them find  
17 and keep living wage jobs, and to mitigate the effects of the most

1 recent economic downturn on employers and their ability to retain and  
2 create jobs.

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