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SENATE BILL 6473

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By Senators Kastama, Chase, Conway, Shin, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to shared work; amending RCW 50.60.010; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 50.60 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.60.010 and 1983 c 207 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) In order to provide an economic climate conducive to the  
8 retention of skilled workers in industries adversely affected by  
9 general economic downturns and to supplement depressed buying power of  
10 employees affected by such downturns, the legislature finds that the  
11 public interest would be served by the enactment of laws providing  
12 greater flexibility in the payment of unemployment compensation  
13 benefits in situations where qualified employers elect to retain  
14 employees at reduced hours rather than instituting layoffs.

15 (2) The legislature further finds that an expansion of shared work  
16 through increased marketing will have a substantial positive effect on  
17 employment in Washington and provide benefits to communities,  
18 employers, and employees.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 50.60 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The employment security department must expand its efforts in  
4 marketing shared work compensation plans with a goal of doubling the  
5 number of employers with active plans by June 30, 2013.

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    If any provision of this act or its  
7 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
8 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
9 persons or circumstances is not affected.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    If any part of this act is found to be in  
11 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
12 the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of  
13 employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the  
14 conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the  
15 conflict, and the finding or determination does not affect the  
16 operation of the remainder of this act. Rules adopted under this act  
17 must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the  
18 receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal  
19 unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

20       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
23 immediately.

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