

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1612

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to making technical cross-reference corrections in statutes governing unemployment insurance.

Brief Description: Making technical cross-reference corrections in statutes governing unemployment insurance.

Sponsors: Representatives Sells, Berry, Wicks, Simmons and Harris-Talley; by request of Employment Security Department.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Labor & Workplace Standards: 1/11/22, 1/21/22 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/9/22, 95-0.

Passed Senate: 3/1/22, 48-0.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Corrects unemployment insurance cross references.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Sells, Chair; Berry, Vice Chair; Hoff, Ranking Minority Member; Mosbrucker, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bronoske, Harris and Ortiz-Self.

Staff: Lily Smith (786-7175).

Background:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5061, which amended multiple sections of the unemployment insurance title. In addition to its substantive changes, ESSB 5061 also removed obsolete statutory language and made other technical corrections. The removal of obsolete language in the section dealing with employer charging resulted in misaligned cross references:

- within that same section; and
- in a related section dealing with notification of charging to employers.

Summary of Bill:

Cross references within unemployment insurance sections dealing with employer charging and notification are corrected to align with their effect prior to the passage of ESSB 5061.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This is a technical clean-up bill correcting cross references.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Mike Sells, prime sponsor; and Scott Michael, Employment Security Department.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.