<u>SSB 5963</u> - H AMD 568 By Representative Anderson

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1 On page 23, after line 23, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 4. RCW 50.20.099 and 2000 c 2 s 10 are each amended to read 3 as follows:

(1) To ensure that unemployment insurance benefits are paid in
accordance with RCW 50.20.098, the employment security department shall
verify that an individual is eligible to work in the United States and
<u>has a social security account number</u> before the individual receives
((training)) <u>unemployment</u> benefits under ((RCW 50.22.150)) <u>this title.</u>
<u>The department may use the e-verify program administered by the United</u>
<u>States citizenship and immigration services for this purpose</u>.

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(2) By July 1, 2002, the employment security department shall:

(a) Develop and implement an effective method for determining,
where appropriate, eligibility to work in the United States for
individuals applying for unemployment benefits under this title;

(b) Review verification systems developed by federal agencies for verifying a person's eligibility to receive unemployment benefits under this title and evaluate the effectiveness of these systems for use in this state; and

(c) Report its initial findings to the legislature by September 1,2000, and its final report by July 1, 2002.

(3) Where federal law prohibits the conditioning of unemployment benefits on a verification of an individual's status as a qualified or authorized alien, the requirements of this section shall not apply."

24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any 25 internal references accordingly.

26 Correct the title.

<u>EFFECT:</u> Requires the Employment Security Department to verify

that an individual is eligible to work in the U.S. and has a Social Security account number before the individual receives unemployment benefits.

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