HOUSE BILL 1711

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By Representatives Miloscia and Morrell

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1   AN ACT Relating to computing the median wage; and amending RCW
2   50.04.355.

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

4   **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.04.355 and 2003 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 15 are each amended
5   to read as follows:
6   (1) ((For computations made before January 1, 2007, the employment
7   security department shall compute, on or before the fifteenth day of
8   June of each year, an "average annual wage", an "average weekly wage",
9   and an "average annual wage for contributions purposes" from
10   information for the specified preceding calendar years including
11   corrections thereof reported within three months after the close of the
12   final year of the specified years by all employers as defined in RCW
13   50.04.080.
14   (a) The "average annual wage" is the quotient derived by dividing
15   the total remuneration reported by all employers for the preceding
16   calendar year by the average number of workers reported for all months
17   of the preceding calendar year and if the result is not a multiple of
18   one dollar, rounding the result to the next lower multiple of one
19   dollar.

1 (b) The "average weekly wage" is the quotient derived by dividing
2 the "average annual wage" obtained under (a) of this subsection by
3 fifty-two and if the result is not a multiple of one dollar, rounding
4 the result to the next lower multiple of one dollar.
5 (c) The "average annual wage for contributions purposes" is the
6 quotient derived by dividing by three the total remuneration reported
7 by all employers subject to contributions for the preceding three
8 consecutive calendar years and dividing this amount by the average
9 number of workers reported for all months of these three years by these
10 same employers and if the result is not a multiple of one dollar,
11 rounding the result to the next lower multiple of one dollar.
12 (2) For computations made on or after January 1, 2007,)) The
13 employment security department shall compute, on or before the
14 fifteenth day of June of each year, an "average annual wage," an
15 "average weekly wage," and an "average annual wage for contributions
16 purposes" from information for the preceding calendar year including
17 corrections thereof reported within three months after the close of
18 that year by all employers as defined in RCW 50.04.080.
19 (a) The "average annual wage" is the quotient derived by dividing
20 the total remuneration reported by all employers by the average number
21 of workers reported for all months and if the result is not a multiple
22 of one dollar, rounding the result to the next lower multiple of one
23 dollar.
24 (b) The "average weekly wage" is the quotient derived by dividing
25 the "average annual wage" obtained under (a) of this subsection by
26 fifty-two and if the result is not a multiple of one dollar, rounding
27 the result to the next lower multiple of one dollar.
28 (c) The "average annual wage for contributions purposes" is the
29 quotient derived by dividing the total remuneration reported by all
30 employers subject to contributions by the average number of workers
31 reported for all months by these same employers and if the result is
32 not a multiple of one dollar, rounding the result to the next lower
33 multiple of one dollar.
34 (2) The employment security department shall also compute, on or
35 before the fifteenth day of June of each year, the median annual wage
36 and the median weekly wage from information for the preceding calendar
37 year including corrections thereof reported within three months after
38 the close of that year by all employers as defined in RCW 50.04.080.

1 The department shall also compute the average annual wages and weekly
2 wages for each decile. If not multiples of one dollar, the results
3 shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one dollar.

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