5770

Sponsor(s): Senators Pelz, Newhouse and Deccio; by request of Employment Security Department

Brief Description: Providing for unemployment insurance claimant profiling.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that individuals identified as likely to exhaust benefits shall be referred to reemployment services.

Allows contracts with public or private entities to conduct reviews of services provided to individuals.

Provides a penalty of five thousand dollars for unauthorized use of confidential information.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5770

May 16, 1995

To the Honorable President and Members,

The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 3, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to unemployment insurance claimant profiling;"

Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770 provides the Department of Employment Security the authority to implement a federally mandated worker profiling system to identify long-term unemployed individuals and to refer them to re-employment services.

Section 3 of the bill contains language restricting training to certain classes of workers. According to the Attorney General, this change puts at risk the current training of some workers. This consequence was unforeseen and unintended when the bill was passed.

Section 3 also instructs the department to inform eligible individuals that they may receive benefits while they satisfactorily progress in training that has been approved by the commissioner of the department. This is a positive change. I will, by separate instrument, direct the department to comply with this provision.

For these reasons, I am vetoing section 3 of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770.

With the exception of section 3, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5770 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Lowry Governor