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## Commerce & Labor Committee

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### HB 2302

**Brief Description:** Modifying certain application methods for unemployment insurance.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Conway, Wood, Kenney and Edwards; by request of  
Employment Security Department.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Allows individuals applying for unemployment insurance benefits through the Temporary Total Disability Program to file initial applications in a form other than in writing.</li></ul>



**Hearing Date:** 1/17/02

**Staff:** Jill Reinmuth (786-7134).

**Background:**

In 1998, the requirement that initial applications for most unemployment insurance benefits be in writing was eliminated. Initial applications for most benefits may be filed "in a form other than in writing" as determined by the Commissioner of the Employment Security Department. Individuals applying for most benefits may file initial applications by telephone through the department's call centers or via the Internet.

However, the requirement that initial applications for benefits through the Temporary Total Disability (TTD) Program be in writing was not changed. Individuals applying for benefits through the TTD Program must file initial applications in writing.

(The TTD Program pays unemployment insurance benefits to certain eligible individuals who have recovered from an injury or illness, and who are able, available, and actively seeking work.)

**Summary of Bill:**

Individuals applying for unemployment insurance benefits through the Temporary Total Disability (TTD) Program may file initial applications in a form other than in writing.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.