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SENATE BILL 6379

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to unemployment insurance experience rating;
- 2 amending RCW 50.16.094, 50.22.090, 50.29.020, 50.29.025, and 50.29.025;
- 3 reenacting and amending RCW 50.29.025; providing effective dates; and
- 4 declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.16.094 and 1993 c 226 s 6 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 An individual may be eligible for applicable employment security
- 9 benefits while participating in work force training. Eligibility is at
- 10 the discretion of the commissioner of employment security after
- 11 submitting a commissioner-approved training waiver and developing a
- 12 detailed individualized training plan.
- 13 ((Benefits paid under this section may not be charged to the
- 14 experience rating accounts of individual employers.))
- 15 The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this
- 16 section.
- 17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.22.090 and 1993 c 316 s 10 are each amended to read
- 18 as follows:

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- 1 (1) An additional benefit period is established for counties 2 identified under subsection (2) of this section beginning on the first 3 Sunday after July 1, 1991, and for the forest products industry 4 beginning with the third week after the first Sunday after July 1, 5 1991. Benefits shall be paid as provided in subsection (3) of this 6 section to exhaustees eligible under subsection (4) of this section.
- 7 (2) The additional benefit period applies to counties having a 8 population of less than five hundred thousand beginning with the third 9 week after a week in which the commissioner determines that a county meets two of the following three criteria, as determined by the 10 department, for the most recent year in which such data is available: 11 (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or above 12 13 the state average; (b) projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses of one hundred positions or more, except counties 14 15 having a population greater than two hundred thousand but less than five hundred thousand must have direct lumber and wood products job 16 17 losses of one thousand positions or more; or (c) an annual unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state average. The additional 18 19 benefit period for a county may end no sooner than fifty-two weeks 20 after the additional benefit period begins.
 - (3) Additional benefits shall be paid as follows:

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- (a) No new claims for additional benefits shall be accepted for weeks beginning after July 1, 1995, but for claims established on or before July 1, 1995, weeks of unemployment occurring after July 1, 1995, shall be compensated as provided in this section.
 - (b) The total additional benefit amount shall be one hundred four times the individual's weekly benefit amount, reduced by the total amount of regular benefits and extended benefits paid, or deemed paid, with respect to the benefit year. Additional benefits shall not be payable for weeks more than two years beyond the end of the benefit year of the regular claim for an individual whose benefit year ends on or after July 27, 1991, and shall not be payable for weeks ending on or after two years after March 26, 1992, for individuals who become eligible as a result of chapter 47, Laws of 1992.
- 35 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) of this subsection, 36 individuals will be entitled to up to five additional weeks of benefits 37 following the completion or termination of training.
- 38 (d) The weekly benefit amount shall be calculated as specified in 39 RCW 50.22.040.

- (e) Benefits paid under this section shall be paid under the same 1 terms and conditions as regular benefits ((and shall not be charged to 2 the experience rating account of individual employers)). 3 4 additional benefit period shall be suspended with the start of an extended benefit period, or any totally federally funded benefit 5 program, with eligibility criteria and benefits comparable to the 6 7 program established by this section, and shall resume the first week 8 following the end of the federal program.
- 9 (f) The amendments in chapter 316, Laws of 1993 affecting 10 subsection (3) (b) and (c) of this section shall apply in the case of all individuals determined to be monetarily eligible under this section 12 without regard to the date eligibility was determined.
- 13 (4) An additional benefit eligibility period is established for any 14 exhaustee who:
- 15 (a)(i) At the time of last separation from employment, resided in 16 or was employed in a county identified under subsection (2) of this 17 section; or

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- (ii) During his or her base year, earned wages in at least six hundred eighty hours in the forest products industry, which shall be determined by the department but shall include the industries assigned the major group standard industrial classification codes "24" and "26" and the industries involved in the harvesting and management of logs, transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products, and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and logging equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further interpreting the industries covered under this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "standard industrial classification code" means the code identified in RCW 50.29.025(6)(c); and
 - (b)(i) Has received notice of termination or layoff; and
- (ii) Is unlikely to return to employment in his or her principal occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing demand within his or her labor market for his or her skills in the occupation or industry; and
 - (c)(i)(A) Is notified by the department of the requirements of this section and develops an individual training program that is submitted to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty days after the individual is notified of the requirements of this section, and enters the approved training program not later than ninety days after the date of the individual's termination or layoff, or ninety days after July 1,

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- 1 1991, whichever is later, unless the department determines that the 2 training is not available during the ninety-day period, in which case 3 the individual shall enter training as soon as it is available; or
- 4 (B) Is unemployed as the result of a plant closure that occurs after November 1, 1992, in a county identified under subsection (2) of 5 this section, did not comply with the requirements of (c)(i)(A) of this 6 7 subsection due to good cause as demonstrated to the department, such as 8 ambiguity over possible sale of the plant, develops a training program 9 that is submitted to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty 10 days from a date determined by the department to accommodate the good cause, and enters the approved training program not later than ninety 11 12 days after the revised date established by the department, unless the 13 department determines that the training is not available during the ninety-day period, in which case the individual shall enter training as 14 15 soon as it is available; or
- 16 (ii) Is enrolled in training approved under this section on a full-17 time basis and maintains satisfactory progress in the training; and
- 18 (d) Does not receive a training allowance or stipend under the 19 provisions of any federal or state law.
 - (5) For the purposes of this section:
- 21 (a) "Training program" means:

- (i) A remedial education program determined to be necessary after counseling at the educational institution in which the individual enrolls pursuant to his or her approved training program; or
- 25 (ii) A vocational training program at an educational institution 26 that:
- 27 (A) Is training for a labor demand occupation;
- 28 (B) Is likely to facilitate a substantial enhancement of the 29 individual's marketable skills and earning power; and
- 30 (C) Does not include on-the-job training or other training under 31 which the individual is paid by an employer for work performed by the 32 individual during the time that the individual receives additional 33 benefits under subsection (1) of this section.
- 34 (b) "Educational institution" means an institution of higher 35 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 or an educational institution as 36 defined in RCW 28C.04.410(3).
- 37 (c) "Training allowance or stipend" means discretionary use, cash-38 in-hand payments available to the individual to be used as the

- 1 individual sees fit, but does not mean direct or indirect compensation 2 for training costs, such as tuition or books and supplies.
- 3 (6) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement 4 this section.
- 5 (7) For the purpose of this section, an individual who has a 6 benefit year beginning after January 1, 1989, and ending before July 7 27, 1991, shall be treated as if his or her benefit year ended on July 8 27, 1991.
- 9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 50.29.020 and 1993 c 483 s 19 are each amended to read 10 as follows:
- (1) An experience rating account shall be established and 11 maintained for each employer, except employers as described in RCW 12 13 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in 14 lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers as described 15 in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments 16 in lieu of contributions, based on existing records of the employment security department. Benefits paid to any eligible individuals shall 17 18 be charged to the experience rating accounts of each of individual's employers during the individual's base year in the same 19 ratio that the wages paid by each employer to the individual during the 20 base year bear to the wages paid by all employers to that individual 21 during that base year, except as otherwise provided in this section. 22
 - (2) The legislature finds that certain benefit payments, in whole or in part, should not be charged to the experience rating accounts of employers except those employers described in RCW 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers described in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments in lieu of contributions, as follows:

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- 30 (a) Benefits paid to any individuals later determined to be 31 ineligible shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any 32 contribution paying employer.
- 33 (b) ((Benefits paid to an individual under the provisions of RCW 34 50.12.050 shall not be charged to the account of any contribution 35 paying employer if the wage credits earned in this state by the 36 individual during his or her base year are less than the minimum amount 37 necessary to qualify the individual for unemployment benefits.

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- 1 (c)) Benefits paid to an individual filing under the provisions of 2 chapter 50.06 RCW shall not be charged to the experience rating account 3 of any contribution paying employer only if:
- 4 <u>(i) The individual files under RCW 50.06.020(1) after receiving</u>
 5 <u>crime victims' compensation for a disability resulting from a nonwork-</u>
 6 related occurrence; or
 - (ii) The individual files under RCW 50.06.020(2).

- 8 ((\(\frac{(d)}{d}\))) (c) Benefits paid which represent the state's share of 9 benefits payable under chapter 50.22 RCW shall not be charged to the 10 experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.
- (((e))) (d) In the case of individuals who requalify for benefits under RCW 50.20.050 or 50.20.060, benefits based on wage credits earned prior to the disqualifying separation shall not be charged to the experience rating account of the contribution paying employer from whom that separation took place.
- $((\frac{f}{f}))$ (e) In the case of individuals identified under RCW 50.20.015, benefits paid with respect to a calendar quarter, which exceed the total amount of wages earned in the state of Washington in the higher of two corresponding calendar quarters included within the individual's determination period, as defined in RCW 50.20.015, shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.
- (((g) Benefits paid to an individual who does not successfully complete an approved on-the-job training program under RCW 50.12.240 may not be charged to the experience rating account of the contribution-paying employer who provided the approved on-the-job training.))
- (3)(a) Beginning July 1, 1985, a contribution-paying base year employer, not otherwise eligible for relief of charges for benefits under this section, may receive such relief if the benefit charges result from payment to an individual who:
- (i) Last left the employ of such employer voluntarily for reasonsnot attributable to the employer;
- (ii) Was discharged for misconduct connected with his or her work not a result of inability to meet the minimum job requirements;
- (iii) Is unemployed as a result of closure or severe curtailment of operation at the employer's plant, building, work site, or other facility. This closure must be for reasons directly attributable to a

- 1 catastrophic occurrence such as fire, flood, or other natural disaster;
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- (iv) Continues to be employed on a regularly scheduled permanent part-time basis by a base year employer and who at some time during the base year was concurrently employed and subsequently separated from at least one other base year employer. Benefit charge relief ceases when the employment relationship between the employer requesting relief and the claimant is terminated. This subsection does not apply to shared
- (b) The employer requesting relief of charges under this subsection must request relief in writing within thirty days following mailing to the last known address of the notification of the valid initial determination of such claim, stating the date and reason for the separation or the circumstances of continued employment. The commissioner, upon investigation of the request, shall determine

work employers under chapter 50.60 RCW.

whether relief should be granted.

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- 17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 50.29.025 and 1993 c 483 s 21 and 1993 c 226 s 13 are 18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 19 The contribution rate for each employer shall be determined under 20 this section.
- (1) A fund balance ratio shall be determined by dividing the 21 balance in the unemployment compensation fund as of the June 30th 22 23 immediately preceding the rate year by the total remuneration paid by 24 all employers subject to contributions during the second calendar year 25 preceding the rate year and reported to the department by the following March 31st. The division shall be carried to the fourth decimal place 26 with the remaining fraction, if any, disregarded. The fund balance 27 ratio shall be expressed as a percentage. 28
- 29 (2) The interval of the fund balance ratio, expressed as a 30 percentage, shall determine which tax schedule in subsection (5) of 31 this section shall be in effect for assigning tax rates for the rate 32 year. The intervals for determining the effective tax schedule shall 33 be:

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2	Fund Balance Ratio	Effective
3	Expressed as a Percentage	Tax Schedule
4	3.90 and above	AA
5	3.40 to 3.89	A
6	2.90 to 3.39	В
7	2.40 to 2.89	C
8	1.90 to 2.39	D
9	1.40 to 1.89	E
10	Less than 1.40	F

- (3) An array shall be prepared, listing all qualified employers in ascending order of their benefit ratios. The array shall show for each qualified employer: (a) Identification number; (b) benefit ratio; (c) taxable payrolls for the four calendar quarters immediately preceding the computation date and reported to the department by the cut-off date; (d) a cumulative total of taxable payrolls consisting of the employer's taxable payroll plus the taxable payrolls of all other employers preceding him or her in the array; and (e) the percentage equivalent of the cumulative total of taxable payrolls.
- (4) Each employer in the array shall be assigned to one of twenty rate classes according to the percentage intervals of cumulative taxable payrolls set forth in subsection (5) of this section: PROVIDED, That if an employer's taxable payroll falls within two or more rate classes, the employer and any other employer with the same benefit ratio shall be assigned to the lowest rate class which includes any portion of the employer's taxable payroll.
- (5) The contribution rate for each employer in the array shall be the rate specified in the following tables for the rate class to which he or she has been assigned, as determined under subsection (4) of this section, within the tax schedule which is to be in effect during the rate year:

32	Percent of											
33		Cumulative								ates		
34		Taxa	ble Payro	olls		for Effe	ctive Ta	x Schedul	e			
35				Rate								
36		From	To	Class	((AA))	A	В	C	D	E	F	
37					<u>AA</u>							
38		0.00	5.00	1	((0.48))	0.36	0.46	0.86	1.36	1.76	2.36	
39					0.36							
40		5.01	10.00	2	((0.48))	0.36	0.66	1.06	1.56	1.96	2.56	
41					0.36							

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10.01	15.00	3	((0.58))	0.46	0.86	1.26	1.66	2.16	2.76
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15.01	20.00	4	((0.58))	0.66	1.06	1.46	1.86	2.36	2.96
			0.46						
20.01	25.00	5	((0.78))	0.86	1.26	1.66	2.06	2.56	3.06
			0.66						
25.01	30.00	6	((0.98))	1.06	1.46	1.86	2.26	2.66	3.16
			0.86						
30.01	35.00	7	((1.08))	1.26	1.66	2.06	2.46	2.86	3.26
			0.96						
35.01	40.00	8	((1.28))	1.46	1.86	2.26	2.66	3.06	3.46
			<u>1.16</u>						
40.01	45.00	9	((1.48))	1.66	2.06	2.46	2.86	3.26	3.66
			<u>1.36</u>						
45.01	50.00	10	((1.68))	1.86	2.26	2.66	3.06	3.46	3.86
			<u>1.56</u>						
50.01	55.00	11	((1.98))	2.16	2.46	2.86	3.26	3.66	3.96
			<u>1.86</u>						
55.01	60.00	12	((2.18))	2.36	2.66	3.06	3.46	3.86	4.16
			2.06						
60.01	65.00	13	((2.38))	2.56	2.86	3.26	3.66	4.06	4.36
			2.26						
65.01	70.00	14	((2.58))	2.76	3.06	3.46	3.86	4.26	4.56
			2.46						
70.01	75.00	15	((2.88))	2.96	3.26	3.66	4.06	4.46	4.66
			2.76						
75.01	80.00	16	((3.08))	3.16	3.46	3.86	4.26	4.56	4.76
			2.96						
80.01	85.00	17	((3.28))	3.36	3.66	4.06	4.46	4.76	4.86
			3.16						
85.01	90.00	18	((3.68))	3.76	4.06	4.46	4.76	4.86	5.06
			3.56						
90.01	95.00	19	((4.08))	4.16	4.46	4.86	4.96	5.06	5.26
			3.96						
95.01	100.00	20	((5.40))	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40
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- (6) The contribution rate for each employer not qualified to be in the array shall be as follows:
 - (a) Employers who do not meet the definition of "qualified employer" by reason of failure to pay contributions when due shall be assigned the contribution rate of five and six-tenths percent, except employers who have an approved agency-deferred payment contract by September 30 of the previous rate year. If any employer with an approved agency-deferred payment contract fails to make any one of the succeeding deferred payments or fails to submit any succeeding tax report and payment in a timely manner, the employer's tax rate shall immediately revert to five and six-tenths percent for the current rate year;

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- 1 (b) The contribution rate for employers exempt as of December 31, 2 1989, who are newly covered under the section 78, chapter 380, Laws of 1989 amendment to RCW 50.04.150 and not yet qualified to be in the 4 array shall be 2.5 percent for employers whose standard industrial code 5 is "013", "016", "017", "018", "019", "021", or "081"; and
- 6 (c) For all other employers not qualified to be in the array, the 7 contribution rate shall be a rate equal to the average industry rate as 8 determined by the commissioner; however, the rate may not be less than 9 one percent. Assignment of employers by the commissioner to industrial 10 classification, for purposes of this subsection, shall be in accordance with established classification practices found in the "Standard 11 Industrial Classification Manual" issued by the federal office of 12 13 management and budget to the third digit provided in the Standard Industrial Classification code. 14
- 15 **Sec. 5.** RCW 50.29.025 and section 4 of this act are each amended 16 to read as follows:
- 17 The contribution rate for each employer shall be determined under 18 this section.
- (1) A fund balance ratio shall be determined by dividing the 19 balance in the unemployment compensation fund as of the June 30th 20 immediately preceding the rate year by the total remuneration paid by 21 all employers subject to contributions during the second calendar year 22 23 preceding the rate year and reported to the department by the following 24 March 31st. The division shall be carried to the fourth decimal place 25 with the remaining fraction, if any, disregarded. The fund balance ratio shall be expressed as a percentage. 26
- 27 (2) The interval of the fund balance ratio, expressed as a 28 percentage, shall determine which tax schedule in subsection (5) of 29 this section shall be in effect for assigning tax rates for the rate 30 year. The intervals for determining the effective tax schedule shall 31 be:

32	Interval of the	
33	Fund Balance Ratio	Effective
34	Expressed as a Percentage	Tax Schedule
35	3.90 and above	AA
36	3.40 to 3.89	A
37	2.90 to 3.39	В

1	2.40 to 2.89	C
2	1.90 to 2.39	D
3	1.40 to 1.89	E
4	Less than 1.40	F

- (3) An array shall be prepared, listing all qualified employers in ascending order of their benefit ratios. The array shall show for each qualified employer: (a) Identification number; (b) benefit ratio; (c) taxable payrolls for the four calendar quarters immediately preceding the computation date and reported to the department by the cut-off date; (d) a cumulative total of taxable payrolls consisting of the employer's taxable payroll plus the taxable payrolls of all other employers preceding him or her in the array; and (e) the percentage equivalent of the cumulative total of taxable payrolls.
- (4) Each employer in the array shall be assigned to one of ((twenty)) forty rate classes according to the percentage intervals of cumulative taxable payrolls set forth in subsection (5) of this section: PROVIDED, That if an employer's taxable payroll falls within two or more rate classes, the employer and any other employer with the same benefit ratio shall be assigned to the lowest rate class which includes any portion of the employer's taxable payroll.
- (5) The contribution rate for each employer in the array shall be the rate specified in the following tables for the rate class to which he or she has been assigned, as determined under subsection (4) of this section, within the tax schedule which is to be in effect during the rate year:

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27	Cumulative							Schedule of Contribution Rates						
28	Taxable Payrolls					for Eff	ective Tax	Schedul	e					
29			((Rate											
30	From	To	Class	AA	A	В	_С	_D	—Е	F				
31	0.00	5.00	-1	0.36	0.36	0.46	0.86	1.36	1.76	2.36				
32	5.01	10.00	2	0.36	0.36	0.66	1.06	1.56	1.96	2.56				
33	10.01	15.00	-3	0.46	0.46	0.86	1.26	1.66	2.16	2.76				
34	15.01	20.00	4	0.46	0.66	1.06	1.46	1.86	2.36	2.96				
35	20.01	25.00	5	0.66	0.86	1.26	1.66	2.06	2.56	3.06				
36	25.01	30.00	-6	0.86	1.06	1.46	1.86	2.26	2.66	3.16				
37	30.01	35.00	7	0.96	1.26	1.66	2.06	2.46	2.86	3.26				
38	35.01	40.00	-8	1.16	1.46	1.86	2.26	2.66	3.06	3.46				
39	40.01	45.00	9	1.36	1.66	2.06	2.46	2.86	3.26	3.66				
40	45.01	50.00	10	1.56	1.86	2.26	2.66	3.06	3.46	3.86				
41	50.01	55.00	-11	1.86	2.16	2.46	2.86	3.26	3.66	3.96				
42	55.01	60.00	12	2.06	2.36	2.66	3.06	3.46	3.86	4.16				
43	60.01	65.00	13	2.26	2.56	2.86	3.26	3.66	4.06	4.36				

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1	65.01	70.00	14	2.46	2.76	3.06	3.46	3.86	4.26	4.56
2	70.01	75.00	15	2.76	2.96	3.26	3.66	4.06	4.46	4.66
3	75.01	80.00	16	2.96	3.16	3.46	3.86	4.26	4.56	4.76
4	80.01	85.00	17	3.16	3.36	3.66	4.06	4.46	4.76	4.86
5	85.01	90.00	18	3.56	3.76	4.06	4.46	4.76	4.86	5.06
6	90.01	95.00	19	3.96	4.16	4.46	4.86	4.96	5.06	-5.26
7	95.01	100.00	20	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.40	-5.40))
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8			Rate							
9	From	<u>To</u>	Class	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	D	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>
10	0.00	2.50	1	0.35	0.35	0.45	0.85	1.35	1.75	2.35
11	2.51	5.00	<u>2</u>	0.35	0.35	0.55	0.95	1.45	1.85	2.40
12	5.01	7.50	<u>3</u>	0.35	0.35	0.65	1.05	1.55	1.95	2.45
13	7.51	10.00	4	0.40	0.40	0.75	1.15	1.60	2.00	2.60
14	10.01	12.50	<u>5</u>	0.45	0.45	0.85	1.25	1.65	2.05	2.75
15	12.51	15.00	<u>6</u>	0.45	0.55	0.95	1.35	1.75	2.15	2.85
16	15.01	17.50	7	0.45	0.65	1.05	1.45	1.85	2.25	2.95
17	17.51	20.00	8	0.55	0.75	1.15	1.55	1.95	2.35	3.00
18	20.01	22.50	9	0.65	0.85	1.25	1.65	2.05	2.45	3.05
19	22.51	25.00	<u>10</u>	0.75	0.95	1.35	1.75	2.15	2.55	3.10
20	25.01	27.50	<u>11</u>	0.85	1.05	1.45	1.85	2.25	2.65	3.15
21	27.51	30.00	<u>12</u>	0.90	1.15	1.55	1.95	2.35	2.75	3.20
22	30.01	32.50	<u>13</u>	0.95	1.25	1.65	2.05	2.45	2.85	3.25
23	32.51	35.00	<u>14</u>	1.05	1.35	1.75	2.15	2.55	2.95	3.35
24	35.01	37.50	<u>15</u>	1.15	1.45	1.85	2.25	2.65	3.05	3.45
25	37.51	40.00	<u>16</u>	1.25	1.55	1.95	2.35	2.75	3.15	3.55
26	40.01	42.50	<u>17</u>	1.35	1.65	2.05	2.45	2.85	3.25	3.65
27	42.51	45.00	<u>18</u>	<u>1.45</u>	1.75	2.15	2.55	2.95	3.35	3.75
28	<u>45.01</u>	47.50	<u>19</u>	<u>1.55</u>	1.85	2.25	2.65	3.05	3.45	3.85
29	<u>47.51</u>	50.00	<u>20</u>	1.65	1.95	2.35	2.75	3.15	3.55	3.90
30	50.01	52.50	<u>21</u>	1.75	2.15	2.45	2.85	3.25	3.65	3.95
31	<u>52.51</u>	55.00	<u>22</u>	1.95	2.25	2.55	2.95	3.35	3.75	4.05
32	55.01	57.50	<u>23</u>	2.05	2.35	2.65	3.05	3.45	3.85	4.15
33	<u>57.51</u>	60.00	<u>24</u>	<u>2.15</u>	2.45	2.75	3.15	3.55	3.95	4.25
34	60.01	62.50	<u>25</u>	2.25	2.55	2.85	3.25	3.65	4.05	4.35
35	<u>62.51</u>	65.00	<u>26</u>	<u>2.35</u>	2.65	<u>2.95</u>	3.35	<u>3.75</u>	<u>4.15</u>	4.45
36	65.01	<u>67.50</u>	<u>27</u>	2.45	2.75	3.05	3.45	3.85	4.25	<u>4.55</u>
37	<u>67.51</u>	<u>70.00</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>2.60</u>	2.85	<u>3.15</u>	3.55	3.95	4.35	<u>4.60</u>
38	70.01	72.50	<u>29</u>	<u>2.75</u>	2.95	<u>3.25</u>	3.65	4.05	<u>4.45</u>	<u>4.65</u>
39	72.51	<u>75.00</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>2.85</u>	3.05	<u>3.35</u>	<u>3.75</u>	<u>4.15</u>	<u>4.50</u>	<u>4.70</u>
40	75.01	<u>77.50</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>2.95</u>	<u>3.15</u>	<u>3.45</u>	3.85	<u>4.25</u>	<u>4.55</u>	4.75
41	77.51	80.00	<u>32</u>	3.05	3.25	<u>3.55</u>	<u>3.95</u>	<u>4.35</u>	<u>4.60</u>	<u>4.80</u>
42	80.01	82.50	<u>33</u>	<u>3.15</u>	3.35	<u>3.65</u>	4.05	<u>4.45</u>	<u>4.65</u>	4.85
43	<u>82.51</u>	<u>85.00</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>3.25</u>	<u>3.50</u>	<u>3.75</u>	<u>4.15</u>	<u>4.50</u>	<u>4.70</u>	4.90
44	<u>85.01</u>	87.50	<u>35</u>	3.45	<u>3.65</u>	3.90	4.25	4.60	4.80	4.95
45	<u>87.51</u>	90.00	<u>36</u>	<u>3.65</u>	<u>3.70</u>	<u>4.10</u>	<u>4.45</u>	<u>4.65</u>	<u>4.90</u>	<u>5.00</u>
46	90.01	92.50	<u>37</u>	3.85	<u>3.95</u>	4.20	4.60	<u>4.70</u>	4.95	<u>5.05</u>
47	92.51	95.00	<u>38</u>	4.05	<u>4.15</u>	4.40	<u>4.65</u>	4.75	5.00	<u>5.15</u>
48	<u>95.01</u>	<u>97.50</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>4.35</u>	<u>4.45</u>	4.60	<u>4.85</u>	5.00	<u>5.15</u>	<u>5.25</u>
49	<u>97.51</u>	100.00	<u>40</u>	<u>5.40</u>						

50 (6) The contribution rate for each employer not qualified to be in 51 the array shall be as follows:

(a) Employers who do not meet the definition of "qualified employer" by reason of failure to pay contributions when due shall be assigned the contribution rate of five and six-tenths percent, except 4 employers who have an approved agency-deferred payment contract by September 30 of the previous rate year. If any employer with an approved agency-deferred payment contract fails to make any one of the succeeding deferred payments or fails to submit any succeeding tax report and payment in a timely manner, the employer's tax rate shall immediately revert to five and six-tenths percent for the current rate year;

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- (b) The contribution rate for employers exempt as of December 31, 11 1989, who are newly covered under the section 78, chapter 380, Laws of 12 1989 amendment to RCW 50.04.150 and not yet qualified to be in the 13 array shall be 2.5 percent for employers whose standard industrial code 14 is "013", "016", "017", "018", "019", "021", or "081"; and 15
- 16 (c) For all other employers not qualified to be in the array, the 17 contribution rate shall be a rate equal to the average industry rate as determined by the commissioner; however, the rate may not be less than 18 19 one percent. Assignment of employers by the commissioner to industrial classification, for purposes of this subsection, shall be in accordance 20 with established classification practices found in the "Standard 21 Industrial Classification Manual" issued by the federal office of 22 23 management and budget to the third digit provided in the Standard 24 Industrial Classification code.
- 25 Sec. 6. RCW 50.29.025 and section 5 of this act are each amended to read as follows: 26
- 27 The contribution rate for each employer shall be determined under 28 this section.
- 29 (1) A fund balance ratio shall be determined by dividing the 30 balance in the unemployment compensation fund as of the June 30th immediately preceding the rate year by the total remuneration paid by 31 all employers subject to contributions during the second calendar year 32 33 preceding the rate year and reported to the department by the following 34 March 31st. The division shall be carried to the fourth decimal place with the remaining fraction, if any, disregarded. The fund balance 35 36 ratio shall be expressed as a percentage.
- 37 The interval of the fund balance ratio, expressed as a percentage, shall determine which tax schedule in subsection (5) of 38

p. 13 SB 6379 this section shall be in effect for assigning tax rates for the rate year. The intervals for determining the effective tax schedule shall be:

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5	Fund Balance Ratio	Effective
6	Expressed as a Percentage	Tax Schedule
7	3.90 and above	AA
8	3.40 to 3.89	A
9	2.90 to 3.39	В
10	2.40 to 2.89	С
11	1.90 to 2.39	D
12	1.40 to 1.89	E
13	Less than 1.40	F

- (3) An array shall be prepared, listing all qualified employers in ascending order of their benefit ratios. The array shall show for each qualified employer: (a) Identification number; (b) benefit ratio; (c) taxable payrolls for the four calendar quarters immediately preceding the computation date and reported to the department by the cut-off date; (d) a cumulative total of taxable payrolls consisting of the employer's taxable payroll plus the taxable payrolls of all other employers preceding him or her in the array; and (e) the percentage equivalent of the cumulative total of taxable payrolls.
- (4) Each employer in the array shall be assigned to one of forty rate classes according to the percentage intervals of cumulative taxable payrolls set forth in subsection (5) of this section: PROVIDED, That if an employer's taxable payroll falls within two or more rate classes, the employer and any other employer with the same benefit ratio shall be assigned to the lowest rate class which includes any portion of the employer's taxable payroll.
- 30 (5) The contribution rate for each employer in the array shall be 31 the rate specified in the following table for the rate class to which 32 he or she has been assigned, as determined under subsection (4) of this 33 section, within the tax schedule which is to be in effect during the 34 rate year:

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7	-2.51	5.00	_2	0.35	0.35	0.55	0.95	1.45	1.85	2.40
8	-5.01	7.50	_3	0.35	0.35	0.65	1.05	1.55	1.95	2.45
9	7.51	10.00	-4	0.40	0.40	0.75	1.15	1.60	2.00	2.60
11	10.01	12.50	5	0.45	0.45	0.85	1.25	1.65	2.05	2.75
12	12.51 15.01	15.00	7	0.45	0.55	0.95	1.35	1.75	2.15 2.25	
13	17.51	17.50 20.00	8	0.45	0.65	1.05	—1.45 —1.55	1.85	2.35	
14	20.01	22.50	0	0.65	0.85	1.25	1.65	2.05	2.45	3.05
15	22.51	25.00	10	0.75	0.95	1.35	1.75	2.15	2.55	3.10
16	25.01	27.50	-11	0.85	1.05	1.45	1.85	2.25	2.65	3.15
17	27.51	30.00	12	0.90	1.15	1.55	1.95	2.35	2.75	3.20
18	30.01	32.50	13	0.95	1.25	1.65	2.05	2.45	2.85	3.25
19	32.51	35.00	14	1.05	1.35	1.75	2.15	2.55	2.95	3.35
20	35.01	37.50	15	1.15	1.45	1.85	2.25	2.65	3.05	3.45
21	37.51	40.00	16	1.25	1.55	1.95	2.35	2.75	3.15	3.55
22	40.01	42.50	17	1.35	1.65	2.05	2.45	2.85	3.25	3.65
23	42.51	45.00	_18	1.45	1.75	2.15	2.55	2.95	3.35	3.75
24	45.01	47.50	19	1.55	1.85	2.25	2.65	3.05	3.45	3.85
25	47.51	50.00	20	1.65	1.95	2.35	2.75	3.15	3.55	3.90
26	50.01	52.50	21	1.75	2.15	2.45	2.85	3.25	3.65	3.95
27	52.51	55.00	-22	1.95	2.25	2.55	2.95	3.35	3.75	4.05
28	55.01	57.50	23	2.05	2.35	2.65	3.05	3.45	3.85	4.15
29	57.51	60.00	24	2.15	2.45	2.75	3.15	3.55	3.95	4.25
30	60.01	62.50	-25	2.25	2.55	2.85	3.25	3.65	4.05	4.35
31	62.51	65.00	-26	2.35	2.65	2.95	3.35	3.75	4.15	-4.45
32	65.01	67.50	27	2.45	2.75	3.05	3.45	3.85	4.25	4.55
33	67.51	70.00	_28	2.60	2.85	3.15	3.55	3.95	4.35	-4.60
34	70.01	72.50	_29	2.75	2.95	3.25	3.65	4.05	4.45	-4.65
35 36	72.51	75.00	-30	2.85	3.05	3.35	3.75	4.15	4.50	4.70
37	75.01	77.50	-31	2.95	3.15	3.45	3.85	4.25	4.55	-4.75
38	77.51	80.00	32	3.05	3.25	3.55	3.95	4.35	4.60	4.80
39	80.01 82.51	82.50 85.00	33	3.15	3.35	3.65	4.05 4.15	4.45	4.65 4.70	4.85
40	85.01	87.50	35	3.45	3.65	3.90	4.15	4.60	4.80	4.90 4.95
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44	95.01	97.50	39	4.35	4.45	4.60	4.85	5.00	5.15	5.25
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49	2.51	5.00	2	0.47	0.47	0.67	1.07	1.57	1.97	2.52
50	5.01	7.50	<u>3</u>	0.47	0.47	0.77	1.17	1.67	2.07	2.57
51	<u>7.51</u>	10.00	4	0.52	0.52	0.87	1.27	1.72	2.12	2.72
52	10.01	12.50	<u>5</u>	0.57	0.57	0.97	1.37	1.77	2.17	2.87
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- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. (1) Section 4 of this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.
- 16 (2) Section 5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1995.
- 17 (3) Section 6 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1998.

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