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By Senators Newhouse, Heavey, Deccio, Hale, Palmer, Franklin, Pelz, Fraser, Prentice, Prince, Winsley and Kohl; by request of Joint Task Force on Unemployment Insurance

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing voluntary contributions for
2 unemployment insurance; and adding a new section to chapter 50.29 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 50.29 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with contributions assessed for rate year 1996, a
7 qualified employer's contribution rate determined under RCW 50.29.025
8 may be modified as follows:

9 (a) An employer may make a voluntary contribution of an amount
10 equal to any part or all of the benefits charged to the employer's
11 account during the two years most recently ended on June 30th that were
12 used for the purpose of computing the employer's contribution rate. On
13 receiving timely payment of a voluntary contribution, plus a surcharge
14 of ten percent of the amount of the voluntary contribution, the
15 commissioner shall cancel the benefits equal to the amount of the
16 voluntary contribution, excluding the surcharge, and compute a new
17 benefit ratio for the employer. The employer shall then be assigned
18 the contribution rate applicable to the rate class within which the
19 recomputed benefit ratio is included.

1 (b) Payment of a voluntary contribution is considered timely if
2 received by the department during the period beginning on the date of
3 mailing to the employer the notice of contribution rate required under
4 this title for the rate year for which the employer is seeking a
5 modification of his or her contribution rate and ending on February
6 15th of that rate year.

7 (c) A benefit ratio may not be recomputed nor a contribution rate
8 be reduced under this section as a result of a voluntary contribution
9 received after the payment period prescribed in (b) of this subsection.

10 (2) This section does not apply to an employer with a payroll of
11 more than twenty-five times the amount of wages subject to tax as
12 determined under RCW 50.24.010 during the year most recently ended on
13 June 30th that was used for the purpose of computing the employer's
14 contribution rate.

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