

1 **ESSB 5555** - H COMM AMDS TO TED COMM AMD (5555-S.E AMH TED H2815.1)
2 **ADOPTED 4-19-91**
3 By Committee on Appropriations

4 On page 16, after line 2 of the striking amendment, insert the
5 following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** A new section is added to chapter
7 50.22 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) An additional benefit period is established for counties
9 identified under subsection (2) of this section beginning on the
10 first Sunday after the effective date of this section and for the
11 lumber and wood products industry beginning with the third week
12 after the first Sunday after the effective date of this section.
13 Benefits shall be paid as provided in subsection (3) of this
14 section to exhaustees eligible under subsection (4) of this
15 section.

16 (2) The additional benefit period applies to counties
17 beginning with the third week after a week in which the
18 commissioner determines that a county has: (a) A county annual
19 unemployment rate that is twenty percent or more above the state
20 annual unemployment rate for the prior calendar year; and (b) a
21 lumber and wood products employment location quotient that is at
22 least twice the state average during the prior twelve-month period.
23 The additional benefit period for a county may end no sooner than

1 fifty-two weeks after the additional benefit period begins.

2 (3) Additional benefits shall be paid as follows:

3 (a) No new claims for additional benefits shall be accepted
4 for weeks beginning after July 3, 1993, but for claims established
5 on or before July 3, 1993, weeks of unemployment occurring after
6 July 3, 1993, shall be compensated as provided in this section.

7 (b) The total additional benefit amount shall be fifty-two
8 times the individual's weekly benefit amount, reduced by the total
9 amount of regular benefits and extended benefits paid, or deemed
10 paid, with respect to the benefit year. Additional benefits shall
11 not be payable for weeks more than one year beyond the end of the
12 benefit year of the regular claim, and shall be payable for up to
13 five weeks following the completion of the training required by
14 this section.

15 (c) The weekly benefit amount shall be calculated as
16 specified in RCW 50.22.040.

17 (d) Benefits paid under this section shall be paid under the
18 same terms and conditions as regular benefits and shall not be
19 charged to the experience rating account of individual employers.
20 The additional benefit period shall be suspended with the start of
21 an extended benefit period, or any totally federally funded benefit
22 program, with eligibility criteria and benefits comparable to the
23 program established by this section, and shall resume the first
24 week following the end of the federal program.

25 (4) An additional benefit eligibility period is established
26 for any exhaustee who:

1 (a) At the time of last separation from employment, resided in
2 or was employed in a county identified under subsection (2) of this
3 section, or, during his or her base year, earned wages in six
4 hundred eighty hours of lumber and wood products employment; and

5 (b) Has received notice of a permanent termination of
6 employment from the individual's employer or has been laid off and
7 is unlikely to return to his or her previous employment because
8 work opportunities at the individual's most recent workplace or in
9 the individual's most recent occupation have been substantially
10 reduced; and

11 (c)(i) Is notified by the department of the requirements of
12 this section and develops an individual training program that is
13 submitted to the commissioner for approval not later than sixty
14 days after the individual is notified of the requirements of this
15 section, and enters the approved training program not later than
16 ninety days after the date of the individual's termination or
17 layoff, or ninety days after the effective date of this act,
18 whichever is later, unless the department determines that the
19 training is not available during the ninety-day period, in which
20 case the individual shall enter training as soon as it is
21 available; or

22 (ii) Is enrolled in training approved under this section on a
23 full-time basis and maintains satisfactory progress in the
24 training; and

25 (d) Does not receive a training allowance or stipend under the

1 provisions of any federal or state law.

2 (e) For the purposes of this section:

3 (i) "Training program" means:

4 (A) A remedial education program determined to be necessary
5 after counseling at the educational institution in which the
6 individual enrolls pursuant to his or her approved training
7 program; or

8 (B) A vocational training program at an educational
9 institution that:

10 (I) Is training for a labor demand occupation;

11 (II) Is likely to facilitate a substantial enhancement of the
12 individual's marketable skills and earning power; and

13 (III) Does not include on-the-job training or other training
14 under which the individual is paid by an employer for work
15 performed by the individual during the time that the individual
16 receives additional benefits under section 1 of this act.

17 (ii) "Educational institution" means an institution of higher
18 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 or an educational
19 institution as defined in RCW 28C.04.410(3).

20 (iii) "Training allowance or stipend" means discretionary use,
21 cash-in-hand payments available to the individual to be used as the
22 individual sees fit, but does not mean direct or indirect
23 compensation for training costs, such as tuition or books and
24 supplies.

25 (5) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to

1 implement this section."

2 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct internal
3 references accordingly.

4 On page 16, after line 10 of the striking amendment, insert
5 the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** If any part of this act is found to
7 be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed
8 condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state or the
9 eligibility of employers in this state for federal unemployment tax
10 credits, the conflicting part of this act is hereby declared to be
11 inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding
12 or determination shall not affect the operation of the remainder of
13 this act. The rules under this act shall meet federal requirements
14 that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by
15 the state or the granting of federal unemployment tax credits to
16 employers in this state."

17 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct internal
18 references accordingly.

19 On page 16, line 14 of the striking amendment, after
20 "immediately" insert ", except for section 13 which shall take
21 effect July 1, 1991"

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3 On page 16, line 22 of the title amendment, after "RCW;"
4 insert "adding a new section to chapter 50.22 RCW;"

EFFECT: Adds additional unemployment insurance benefits for displaced workers in timber-dependent counties and in the lumber and wood products industry.