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By Representatives Roland, Winsley, Brekke, Leonard, Rasmussen and Anderson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to employment services for homeless persons; adding
2 new sections to chapter 50.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds and declares
5 that:

6 (a) Unemployment and underemployment are major factors contributing
7 to homelessness;

8 (b) Half the homeless people in state-supported shelters are
9 members of families with young children; and

10 (c) The lack of a permanent address, child care, transportation,
11 and appropriate clothing are difficult obstacles for homeless people
12 who, in pursuit of a better life, wish to acquire or reacquire gainful
13 employment.

14 (2) The legislature declares that it is the policy of the state:

1 (a) To provide employment and training programs for employable
2 homeless persons; and

3 (b) To coordinate these programs with available federal, state, and
4 local housing, child care, and transportation services.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 50.12 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The employment security department shall establish a program of
8 coordinated employment services to homeless individuals. The program
9 shall coordinate the provision of job skills training, vocational
10 programs, child care services, transportation, and other services that
11 could help improve a homeless individual's employability. In
12 developing the program under this section, the employment security
13 department shall work cooperatively with the departments of community
14 development, social and health services, and veterans affairs and the
15 office of the superintendent of public instruction.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 50.12 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 By July 1, 1992, the employment security department shall provide
19 homeless outreach in at least five job service centers. The outreach
20 efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the designation of a
21 liaison from each job service center to local state-supported homeless
22 shelters. The liaison shall coordinate federal, state, and local
23 resources in meeting the purposes of section 2 of this act and this
24 section.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The employment security department shall
26 report on the progress of the homeless employment efforts required
27 under this act to the senate commerce and labor committee and the house

1 of representatives commerce and labor committee by January 1, 1993.