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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6217**

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Newhouse, Vognild, Moore, Amondson, Prentice, Sutherland, Fraser, McAuliffe and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint task force on unemployment insurance;  
2 and amending 1993 c 483 s 22 (uncodified).

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

4 **Sec. 1.** 1993 c 483 s 22 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created a joint task force on unemployment  
7 insurance composed of the following members:

8 (a) Four members of the senate labor and commerce committee, two  
9 from each of the major caucuses, to be appointed by the president of  
10 the senate;

11 (b) Four members of the house of representatives commerce and labor  
12 committee, two from each of the major caucuses, to be appointed by the  
13 speaker of the house of representatives; and

14 (c) Up to eight members appointed jointly by the president of the  
15 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives representing  
16 business and labor in equal numbers. The business representatives  
17 shall be selected from nominations submitted by state-wide business  
18 organizations representing a cross-section of industries. The labor

1 representatives shall be selected from nominations submitted by state-  
2 wide labor organizations representing a cross-section of industries.

3 (2) The employment security department unemployment insurance  
4 advisory committee shall act as an advisory body to the task force.

5 (3) The senate committee services and the office of program  
6 research shall provide the staff support as mutually agreed by the  
7 cochairs of the task force. The task force shall designate the  
8 cochairs.

9 (4) The members of the task force shall be reimbursed for travel  
10 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Task force travel  
11 and other expenses shall be paid from funds provided under RCW  
12 50.24.014.

13 (5) The task force shall study the following issues:

14 (a) ~~((Financing and administration of unemployment insurance;~~

15 ~~(b) Social costs;~~

16 ~~(c) Administrative costs;~~

17 ~~(d) Experience rating systems;~~

18 ~~(e) Tax rates;~~

19 ~~(f) Trust fund adequacy;~~

20 ~~(g) Accountability and administrative funding of employment~~  
21 ~~security department programs; and~~

22 ~~(h))~~ Undertake an in-depth review of issues identified in the 1993  
23 task force report to the legislature;

24 (b) Work collaboratively with the employment security department in  
25 implementation of task force recommendations;

26 (c) Assist the employment security department in responding to  
27 federal initiative and economic change, including the federally  
28 mandated new claimant profile program; and

29 (d) Any other issues deemed appropriate by the task force.

30 (6) The task force shall report its findings to the legislature by  
31 ~~((December 31, 1993))~~ January 15, 1995.

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