

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1350

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UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION--VOLUNTARY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Yeas 44 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Approved May 11, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1350** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

Chief Clerk

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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Lisk, Chandler and Veloria; 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; adding a new section to chapter 50.29 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

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

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

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

1 rate class within which the recomputed benefit ratio is included. The
2 minimum amount of a voluntary contribution, excluding the surcharge,
3 must be an amount that will result in a recomputed benefit ratio that
4 is in a rate class at least two rate classes lower than the rate class
5 that included the employer's original benefit ratio.

6 (b) Payment of a voluntary contribution is considered timely if
7 received by the department during the period beginning on the date of
8 mailing to the employer the notice of contribution rate required under
9 this title for the rate year for which the employer is seeking a
10 modification of his or her contribution rate and ending on February
11 15th of that rate year.

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

15 (2) This section does not apply to any employer who has not had an
16 increase of at least six rate classes from the previous tax rate year.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any part of this act is found to be in
18 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
19 the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of
20 employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the
21 conflicting part of this act is hereby declared to be inoperative
22 solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding or determination
23 shall not affect the operation of the remainder of this act. The rules
24 under this act shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary
25 condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting
26 of federal unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

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