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Brief Description: Allowing victims of domestic violence or stalking to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

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Declares that, in order to be eligible for benefits under the domestic violence unemployment insurance special benefits program, an applicant must have been a victim of domestic violence, as defined in RCW 26.50.010, or stalking, as defined in RCW 9A.46.110, within two years before the application date for benefits, and must show that he or she is seeking safety or relief from the domestic violence by: (1) Relocating to a residence that is separate from the perpetrator; and

(2) Filing a police report or obtaining a restraining order against the perpetrator.

Appropriates the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the public safety and education account to the employment security department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to carry out the purposes of this act.