

1 **SSB 5955** - H COMM AMD
2 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

3 On page 1, beginning on line 4, after "that the" strike
4 "department of community, trade, and economic development has,
5 through its" and insert "state has, through the"

6 On page 1, line 10, after "in the" insert "employment security"

7 On page 2, beginning on line 2, after "in the" strike
8 "department of community, trade, and economic development" and
9 insert "employment security department"

10 On page 2, beginning on line 26, after "individual, the" strike
11 "department of community, trade, and economic development" and
12 insert "employment security department"

13 On page 4, beginning on line 18, strike all of section 6 and
14 insert the following:

15 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The employment security department
16 shall, consistent with federal requirements and in cooperation with
17 the work force training and education coordinating board and the
18 state board for community and technical colleges, develop and
19 submit a state plan for operating the personal reemployment account
20 program authorized by this chapter. The department is authorized
21 to seek private resources to assist in operating these programs."

22 On page 4, after line 31, insert the following:

23 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) A joint legislative work group is
24 created to examine the reauthorization of the federal workforce
25 investment act, including the development of a state plan on the

1 personal reemployment account program, and to advise the
2 legislature and the governor on implementation of this act in
3 Washington.

4 (2) The work group membership shall consist of:

5 (a) One member from each caucus of the senate higher education
6 committee, appointed by the president of the senate;

7 (b) One member from each caucus of the senate commerce and
8 trade committee, appointed by the president of the senate;

9 (c) One member from each caucus of the house higher education
10 committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
11 representatives;

12 (d) One member from each caucus of the house commerce and labor
13 committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives;

15 (e) The commissioner of the employment security department, or
16 his or her designee;

17 (f) The executive director of the state board for community and
18 technical colleges, or his or her designee;

19 (g) The executive director of the workforce training and
20 education coordinating board, or his or her designee; and

21 (h) Two members representing local workforce development
22 councils, one from each side of the crest of the Cascade mountains,
23 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of
24 the house of representatives;

25 (3) The employment security department, the state board for
26 community and technical colleges, and the workforce training and
27 education coordinating board shall cooperate with the work group
28 and provide such technical expertise as the work group chair may
29 reasonably require.

30 (4) The work group shall choose its chair from among its
31 membership.

32 (5) The work group shall examine at least the following issues:

33 (a) The state plan for implementation of a personal
34 reemployment account program, including eligibility criteria and
35 spending safeguards;

36 (b) The membership requirements and role of the state workforce
37 development council;

38 (c) The membership requirements, role, and planning
39 responsibilities of the local workforce development councils;

1 (d) The scope of services provided to unemployed and low-wage
2 workers and employers by local workforce development councils;

3 (e) The formulas used to distribute infrastructure funding,
4 adult services funding, and out-of-school youth program funding to
5 local workforce development councils;

6 (f) The methods used to target delivery of core, intensive and
7 training services to unemployed workers and low-income individuals;

8 (g) The standards used to qualify training providers; and

9 (h) Performance measures used to evaluate program success at
10 the state and local levels.

11 (6) The work group shall use legislative facilities and staff
12 from senate committee services and the office of program research.
13 Legislative members of the work group shall be reimbursed for
14 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
15 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
16 entitled to be reimbursed in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and RCW
17 43.03.060, such reimbursement to be paid jointly by the senate and
18 the house of representatives.

19 (7) The work group shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the legislature and the governor by December 1,
21 2003."

22 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, and correct any
23 cross-references accordingly.

24 On page 5, line 6, after "Title" strike "43" and insert "50"

25 Correct the title.

EFFECT:

Requires that the personal reemployment account program be established within the Employment Security Department, rather than the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

Establishes a legislative work group to: (1) examine the reauthorization of the federal Workforce Investment Act, including the development of a state plan on the personal reemployment account program; and (2) advise the Legislature and the Governor on implementation of the Act.

Specifies the membership of the work group, and the issues to be examined by the work group.

Requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 2003. Sets an expiration date for the work group of April 1, 2004.