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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2626

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**By** House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Blake, Takko, DeBolt, Ormsby, Roberts, Kenney, Morrell, Simpson, and Chase)

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1       AN ACT Relating to authorizing the governor to suspend the waiting  
2 week for individuals who are unemployed because of an emergency or  
3 disaster; and creating a new section.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The employment security department shall  
6 conduct a study of options for suspending the waiting period  
7 requirement for individuals who are unemployed because of an emergency  
8 or disaster, and shall examine ways to mitigate the impacts, if any, of  
9 these options on the unemployment compensation system. The employment  
10 security department shall also forward information provided by the  
11 military department about other means of providing assistance to  
12 individuals impacted by an emergency or disaster. The employment  
13 security department shall report on its study to the appropriate  
14 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.

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