

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6275

As of January 25, 2012

Title: An act relating to removing the expiration date from the self-employment assistance program.

Brief Description: Removing the expiration date from the self-employment assistance program.

Sponsors: Senators Rolfes and Kastama.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Innovation: 1/26/12.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

Staff: Jack Brummel (786-7428)

Background: The Legislature authorized self-employment assistance programs in 2007. Individuals enrolled in self-employment assistance programs approved by the Commissioner of Department of Employment Security (ESD) are eligible to continue receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits if they have been identified by ESD as likely to exhaust their regular unemployment insurance benefits. Enrollment in a self-employment assistance program satisfies the weekly work search requirement that an individual must meet to be eligible to receive weekly benefits.

Enrollment in a self-employment assistance program does not entitle the enrollee to any additional benefit payments. The Commissioner of ESD must approve the self-employment assistance programs. ESD is not obligated to expend any funds on providing the self-employment assistance programs. Persons completing a self-employment program may not directly compete with their former employer.

The 2007 act authorizing self employment assistance programs expires July 1, 2012.

Summary of Bill: The expiration provision of the 2007 act is repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 23, 2012.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.