

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1712

Chapter 156, Laws of 2023

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DISLOCATED WORKERS—FINFISH AQUACULTURE FACILITY CLOSURE

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House March 6, 2023
Yeas 96 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 2023
Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

Approved April 20, 2023 2:55 PM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1712** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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April 21, 2023

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Schmick and Chapman

Read first time 02/01/23. Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

1 AN ACT Relating to protecting workers displaced as a result of
2 finfish aquaculture facility closures; and amending RCW 50.04.075.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.04.075 and 2018 c 179 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) With respect to claims with an effective date prior to July
7 1, 2012, "dislocated worker" means any individual who:

8 (a) Has been terminated or received a notice of termination from
9 employment;

10 (b) Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment
11 compensation benefits; and

12 (c) Is unlikely to return to employment in the individual's
13 principal occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing
14 demand for their skills in that occupation or industry.

15 (2) With respect to claims with an effective date on or after
16 July 1, 2012, "dislocated worker" means any individual who:

17 (a) Has been involuntarily and indefinitely separated from
18 employment as a result of a permanent reduction of operations at the
19 individual's place of employment, has separated from a declining
20 occupation, ~~((or))~~ has separated from employment as a result of
21 chapter 179, Laws of 2018, or has separated from employment as a

1 result of the denial of commercial finfish net pen aquaculture lease
2 renewal applications or the issuance of order number 202211 by the
3 commissioner of public lands on November 17, 2022; and

4 (b) Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment
5 compensation benefits.

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