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By Representative Couture

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On page 4, line 22, after "(x);" strike "((~~or~~))" and insert "or"

On page 4, beginning on line 28, after "emergency" strike all material through "employed" on line 31

On page 8, after line 21, insert the following:

"(6) If an individual's unemployment is due to a strike at the separating employer's factory, establishment, or other premises at which the individual is or was last employed, the benefit payments may not be paid from the unemployment compensation fund, may not be charged to the experience rating account of any employer, may not be factored into the social cost factor for the total taxable payroll for purposes of RCW 50.29.025, and may not be charged to any reimbursable employer. The benefit payments must be paid from an appropriation from the state general fund."

EFFECT: Requires the unemployment insurance benefits paid to striking workers to be paid from an appropriation from the state general fund, rather than the unemployment compensation fund. Provides that these benefits may not affect the payroll taxes of taxable employers or be charged to reimbursable employers.

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