

JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LEAVES EMPLOYMENT TO ACCOMPANY AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/29/08 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee 02/04/08)

The House Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report made small technical changes to the bill. Legislative Council staff and Joint Budget Committee staff agree that the changes made by the Committee Report have no effect on the Fiscal Note.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2008-09.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

1. The Department recently reported to the Joint Budget Committee regarding the status of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, from which unemployment insurance benefits are paid. The Department estimates that a fund balance of about \$1.1 billion would be needed to meet the needs of a significant economic downturn. As of June 30, 2007, the fund balance was \$601.8 million. Department forecasts through FY 2011-12 suggested that the fund will not reach the \$1.1 billion target during that period. This bill will decrease revenues to and increase expenditures from the fund; this makes it more difficult for the fund to accumulate the balance that would be needed to

meet the projected expenditures in the case of an economic downturn.