Analysis of the Unemployment Insurance Training Benefits Program

Briefing Report

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Training Benefits Compared to Other Types of Unemployment Benefits

Benefit Type	Max. No. of Weeks	Search for Work Requirement?	Funding Source
Regular Unemployment	26	Yes, unless in approved training	Employer payroll taxes
Extended Benefits *(ends 12/31/11)*	20	Yes, unless in approved training	Federal
Emergency Benefits *(ends 6/9/12)*	53	Yes, unless in approved training	Federal
Training Benefits	26	No	Employer payroll taxes

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EHB 1091 (2011)
Directs JLARC Evaluation

- JLARC to conduct a "thorough review and evaluation" of the Training Benefits Program, to include an assessment of whether it is:
  - Effective
  - Complying with legislative intent
  - Operating in an efficient and economical manner
- Evaluation is due in three years

"Effectiveness" Could Be Evaluated
Using Different Approaches

- Examples of options for evaluating effectiveness could include:
  - The number of people completing training
  - A statistical analysis evaluating whether participants are more likely to obtain employment than non-participants

Legislature Will Be Presented With Options For Evaluating Effectiveness

- A range of *options* and *costs* will be presented in January 2012
  - Legislature can consider in budget process
  - The full evaluation can then be completed in the future (est. December 2015)

Timeline and Contact Information

Report on Options & Costs: January 4, 2012

Report Evaluating Program: Dec. 2015 (est.)

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