

Senate Bill 7

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, BROWN, Representative MERKLEY; Senator PROZANSKI, Representatives HUNT, ROBLAN (at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides emergency unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who have exhausted regular benefits.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to unemployment insurance benefits extension; amending section 1, chapter 34, Oregon
3 Laws 2003; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 34, Oregon Laws 2003, as amended by section 1, chapter 536,
6 Oregon Laws 2003, is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 1.** (1) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Emergency benefit period" means a period beginning [*the week after April 1, 2003*] **May 1,**
9 **2005**, and ending on [*September 27, 2003*] **August 13, 2005.**

10 (b) "Oregon emergency benefits" means unemployment benefits totally financed by the state and
11 payable under ORS chapter 657 to individuals described in subsection (2) of this section during an
12 emergency benefit period.

13 (c) "Regular benefits" has the meaning given that term in ORS 657.321.

14 (2) During an emergency benefit period, an individual may receive Oregon emergency benefits
15 in an amount equal to the weekly benefit amount of the individual's most recent regular unemploy-
16 ment benefit claim subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 657 if:

17 (a) The individual has exhausted regular benefits under ORS chapter 657 **with payment for the**
18 **week ending December 4, 2004, or later;**

19 (b) The individual is not eligible for any other unemployment benefits, including benefits pro-
20 vided under any federal law extending benefits beyond those provided for as regular benefits; **and**

21 (c) The individual otherwise continues to meet the eligibility requirements for regular benefits
22 under ORS chapter 657.]; *and*]

23 [*(d) The individual's benefit year expired after January 5, 2002.*]

24 (3) The maximum Oregon emergency benefits an individual may receive under this section is
25 [75] **25** percent of the individual's most recent regular **Oregon** unemployment benefit claim.

26 (4) The Employment Department may not charge an employer's account for benefits paid to an
27 unemployed individual under this section. Notwithstanding ORS 657.504, reimbursing political sub-
28 divisions, reimbursing nonprofit employers and reimbursing Indian tribes are not required to pay
29 into the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund an amount equal to the benefits paid to an un-
30 employed individual under this section.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (5) The provisions of this section apply only for weeks beginning [*the week after April 1, 2003*]
2 **May 1, 2005**, and ending on [*September 27, 2003*] **August 13, 2005**.

3 **SECTION 2. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
5 **on its passage.**

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