

HB 155 -- Employment Security

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This bill makes several changes to the employment security laws.
The bill:

(1) Revises the calculation for the state taxable wage base for year 2004 and thereafter;

(2) Provides that "employer" includes Indian tribes for which service in employment is performed and requires Indian tribe employers to contribute to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund;

(3) Changes the maximum weekly benefit amount for year 2004 and thereafter;

(4) Revises the calculation of partial benefits claimed after year 2003;

(5) Changes the basis for determining industrial classification divisions for purposes of calculating employer contributions for unemployment insurance from the Standard Industrial Classification manual to the industrial classification system established by the federal government;

(6) Recalculates the contribution rate of a successor employer when there is a difference in rates between the predecessor and successor employers; and

(7) Revises the method for determining the annual contribution rate adjustment.

The bill contains an emergency clause.