

HB 202 -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

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This bill adds to the reasons a claimant is disqualified for unemployment compensation by adding that if the designated representative of the Division of Employment Security within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations finds that a claimant failed to apply for suitable work three times during the same unemployment cycle or failed to appear for a scheduled job interview or skills test. The bill also revises the method of notifying the claimant by deleting the current requirement of certified mail and referring to notification in writing or by email. The Division must establish a method allowing employers to report by email or telephone individuals who do not accept or respond to offers or do not appear for scheduled interviews or tests.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 2614 (2024) and similar to HB 2034 (2024).