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Bill Analysis

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Primary Sponsor: Rep. J. Miller

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SUMMARY

- Appropriates \$5 million in FY 2020 to the Department of Job and Family Services to pay costs related to increased unemployment claims related to COVID-19.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Unemployment compensation appropriation

The bill transfers and appropriates \$5 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Fund in FY 2020 (ending June 30, 2020). The transferred funds must be used for the following purposes related to processing unemployment claims related to COVID-19:

- Hiring additional temporary personnel;
- Paying for overtime for existing personnel;
- Purchasing equipment to expedite claims processing.¹

Emergency declaration

The bill declares an emergency by stating its provisions are necessary to prevent extreme financial stress placed on individuals who need to obtain unemployment benefits due to loss of employment or self-quarantine due to COVID-19. If passed as an emergency law, the bill would take effect immediately following the Governor's signature.²

¹ Sections 1 to 3.

² Section 4.

HISTORY

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