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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3021

As Recommended by House Committee on Business, Commerce and Labor

Brief*

HB 3021 amends the Employment Security Law to provide the following:

- ! The bill establishes an alternative wage base period for workers with a workers compensation injury. This provision is designed for injured workers who recover from a work related injury to the extent that the worker can return to work but is unable to find work and then would find that they are excluded from unemployment benefits since there were no wages in the base period.
- I The bill provides that no contributing employer or rated government employer account will be charged if they did not contribute at least \$100 for their *pro rata* share of benefits charges.

The bill is placed on the consent calendar.

Background

The bill is the result of a recommendation of the Employment Security Advisory Council (ESAC). Representatives of ESAC appeared in support of the measure.

^{*}Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <u>http://www.kslegislature.org/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi</u>