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By Senator Rolfes

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging economic development by requiring
2 the employment assistance program to include certain job placement
3 services with private employers; amending RCW 50.62.030; and creating
4 a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.62.030 and 1995 c 135 s 4 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 Job service resources (~~shall~~) must be used to assist with the
9 reemployment of unemployed workers using the most efficient and
10 effective means of service delivery. The job service program of the
11 employment security department may undertake any program or activity
12 for which funds are available and which furthers the goals of this
13 chapter. These programs and activities (~~shall~~) include, but are not
14 limited to:

15 (1) Giving older unemployed workers and the long-term unemployed
16 the highest priority for all services made available under this
17 section. The employment security department (~~shall~~) must make the
18 services provided under this chapter available to the older unemployed

1 workers and the long-term unemployed as soon as they register under the
2 employment assistance program;

3 (2) Supplementing basic employment services, with special job
4 search and claimant placement assistance designed to assist
5 unemployment insurance claimants to obtain employment;

6 (3) Providing employment services, such as recruitment, screening,
7 and referral of qualified workers, to agricultural areas where these
8 services have in the past contributed to positive economic conditions
9 for the agricultural industry; (~~and~~)

10 (4) Providing otherwise unobtainable information and analysis to
11 the legislature and program managers about issues related to employment
12 and unemployment; and

13 (5) Providing placement services with private employers for
14 individuals who have exhausted their unemployment benefits. For
15 calendar years 2012 and 2013, individuals placed with private employers
16 under this subsection are exempt from unemployment compensation
17 coverage under RCW 50.44.040(4) for the first six months after hiring
18 and the individuals must be so advised by the department.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any part of this act is found to be in
20 conflict with federal requirements which are a prescribed condition to
21 the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of
22 employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the
23 conflicting part of this act is hereby declared to be inoperative
24 solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding or determination
25 does not affect the operation of the remainder of this act. The rules
26 under this act must meet federal requirements that are a necessary
27 condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting
28 of federal unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

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