

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 72, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 72-1386, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF NEW FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Title 72, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 72-1386, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

72-1386. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF NEW FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS. (1) The purpose of this section is to ensure that the legislature retains appropriate oversight and approval authority over future participation in new federal unemployment benefit programs.

(2) Neither the governor nor the department of labor shall issue special or standing orders or rules to enter new voluntary federal unemployment programs without an affirmative vote by the legislature if such programs:

- (a) Impose new requirements on employers;
- (b) Enhance existing unemployment benefits or create new benefits; or
- (c) Increase or decrease the duration or potential duration of unemployment benefits.

(3) If, pursuant to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, the governor or the department of labor issues special or standing orders or rules to enter new voluntary federal unemployment programs, the legislature may rescind that special or standing order or rule, in whole or in part, by adopting a concurrent resolution.

(4) If the legislature rescinds a special or standing order or rule pursuant to this section, neither the governor nor the department of labor may, for a period of sixty (60) calendar days following the adoption of a concurrent resolution by the legislature:

- (a) Reissue that special or standing order, rule, or rescinded portion thereof;
- (b) Issue a substantially similar special or standing order, rule, or rescinded portion thereof;
- (c) Take that action or rescinded portion thereof or a substantially similar action or portion thereof again; or
- (d) Issue a restriction contained in the rescinded special or standing order or rule, rescinded action, or portion thereof.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2022.