

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 72, IDAHO  
2 CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 72-1383, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE  
3 FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN  
4 EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Title 72, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
9 ignated as Section 72-1383, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 72-1383. INTEGRITY OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PROGRAM. (1) The pur-  
11 pose of this section is to enhance program integrity for the state's unem-  
12 ployment insurance program. The department shall be required to perform  
13 routine cross-matches, review eligibility of suspicious claims, implement  
14 identity protection protocols, recover overpayments, and report the results  
15 of such activities to the legislature.

16 (2) The department shall establish and follow procedures to verify  
17 claimant eligibility and perform cross-match activities by:

18 (a) On a weekly basis, cross-checking the unemployment insurance rolls  
19 against the national directory of new hires and the state directory of  
20 new hires;

21 (b) On a weekly basis, cross-checking the unemployment insurance rolls  
22 with the department of correction's list of incarcerated individuals;  
23 and

24 (c) Cross-checking the unemployment insurance rolls against the most  
25 recent state death records list available to the department.

26 (3) The department shall verify a claimant's identity by methods in-  
27 cluding but not limited to:

28 (a) Verifying the identity of an applicant prior to awarding benefits;

29 (b) Requiring multifactor authentication as part of online applica-  
30 tions; or

31 (c) Requiring an applicant to identify himself at a state office in a  
32 manner to be established by the department.

33 (4) The department shall perform a full eligibility review of suspi-  
34 cious or potentially improper claims, including but not limited to:

35 (a) Multiple or duplicative claims filed online originating from sus-  
36 picious internet protocol addresses;

37 (b) Claims filed online from foreign internet protocol addresses; or

38 (c) Multiple or duplicative claims filed that are associated with the  
39 same mailing address or bank account.

1           SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
3 July 1, 2023.