

SCS HCS HB 1544 -- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND SHARED WORK  
BENEFITS

This bill extends the state's eligibility to receive federal extended unemployment benefit money to provide unemployed individuals compensation beyond the current unemployment benefit period that ended December 5, 2009. The state is eligible to receive this money until March 3, 2011, or the week ending four weeks prior to the last week of unemployment for which 100% federal sharing is available under the provisions of Public Law 111-5, Section 2005(a), whichever occurs first.

The bill also increases, from 26 to 52, the number of weeks an individual is eligible to receive shared work benefits under the Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Program in the Division of Employment Security within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

The bill contains an emergency clause.