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SCS for CSHB142 (L&C)

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Explanation of Changes (Version R to T)

- Page 1, line 5 & Page 2, line 4

Changes the base required for eligibility to \$3,000 from \$2,500 for the base period covered by this chapter. As the benefit is increased, the base for eligibility is also increased to offer balance to employees and employers who are the premium payers.

- Page 8, lines 8 & 9

Changes the increase in the maximum qualifying wage scale to \$50,000. This allows for an increase to those unemployed who qualify for benefits while lessening the fiscal impact to employees and employers. Alaska would move to the top half of states' maximum benefits.

- Version T removes Section 2 of version R regarding the automatic calculation and administration of yearly increases to the state's maximum weekly benefit amount. This preserves the Legislature's authority to examine increases.