

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/9/18

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TUCK, Tarr, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Gara, Drummond, Josephson,  
Spohnholz**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to unemployment insurance benefits; increasing the maximum weekly**  
 2   **unemployment insurance benefit rate; and providing for an effective date."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 23.20.350(d) is amended to read:

5           (d) An individual who is eligible under (a) of this section is entitled to receive  
 6           the weekly benefit amount set out in column (B) of the table in this subsection that is  
 7           opposite the amount set out in column (A) of the individual's base period wages  
 8           determined under (c) of this section:

|    | (A)               | (B)            |
|----|-------------------|----------------|
|    | Base Period Wages | Weekly Benefit |
|    |                   | Amount         |
|    | At least          | But less than  |
| 12 | 0                 | 2,500          |
| 13 |                   | \$ 0           |
| 14 | 2,500             | 2,750          |
|    |                   | 56             |

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|----|--------|--------|-----|
| 1  | 2,750  | 3,000  | 58  |
| 2  | 3,000  | 3,250  | 60  |
| 3  | 3,250  | 3,500  | 62  |
| 4  | 3,500  | 3,750  | 64  |
| 5  | 3,750  | 4,000  | 66  |
| 6  | 4,000  | 4,250  | 68  |
| 7  | 4,250  | 4,500  | 70  |
| 8  | 4,500  | 4,750  | 72  |
| 9  | 4,750  | 5,000  | 74  |
| 10 | 5,000  | 5,250  | 76  |
| 11 | 5,250  | 5,500  | 78  |
| 12 | 5,500  | 5,750  | 80  |
| 13 | 5,750  | 6,000  | 82  |
| 14 | 6,000  | 6,250  | 84  |
| 15 | 6,250  | 6,500  | 86  |
| 16 | 6,500  | 6,750  | 88  |
| 17 | 6,750  | 7,000  | 90  |
| 18 | 7,000  | 7,250  | 92  |
| 19 | 7,250  | 7,500  | 94  |
| 20 | 7,500  | 7,750  | 96  |
| 21 | 7,750  | 8,000  | 98  |
| 22 | 8,000  | 8,250  | 100 |
| 23 | 8,250  | 8,500  | 102 |
| 24 | 8,500  | 8,750  | 104 |
| 25 | 8,750  | 9,000  | 106 |
| 26 | 9,000  | 9,250  | 108 |
| 27 | 9,250  | 9,500  | 110 |
| 28 | 9,500  | 9,750  | 112 |
| 29 | 9,750  | 10,000 | 114 |
| 30 | 10,000 | 10,250 | 116 |
| 31 | 10,250 | 10,500 | 118 |

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|----|--------|--------|-----|
| 1  | 10,500 | 10,750 | 120 |
| 2  | 10,750 | 11,000 | 122 |
| 3  | 11,000 | 11,250 | 124 |
| 4  | 11,250 | 11,500 | 126 |
| 5  | 11,500 | 11,750 | 128 |
| 6  | 11,750 | 12,000 | 130 |
| 7  | 12,000 | 12,250 | 132 |
| 8  | 12,250 | 12,500 | 134 |
| 9  | 12,500 | 12,750 | 136 |
| 10 | 12,750 | 13,000 | 138 |
| 11 | 13,000 | 13,250 | 140 |
| 12 | 13,250 | 13,500 | 142 |
| 13 | 13,500 | 13,750 | 144 |
| 14 | 13,750 | 14,000 | 146 |
| 15 | 14,000 | 14,250 | 148 |
| 16 | 14,250 | 14,500 | 150 |
| 17 | 14,500 | 14,750 | 152 |
| 18 | 14,750 | 15,000 | 154 |
| 19 | 15,000 | 15,250 | 156 |
| 20 | 15,250 | 15,500 | 158 |
| 21 | 15,500 | 15,750 | 160 |
| 22 | 15,750 | 16,000 | 162 |
| 23 | 16,000 | 16,250 | 164 |
| 24 | 16,250 | 16,500 | 166 |
| 25 | 16,500 | 16,750 | 168 |
| 26 | 16,750 | 17,000 | 170 |
| 27 | 17,000 | 17,250 | 172 |
| 28 | 17,250 | 17,500 | 174 |
| 29 | 17,500 | 17,750 | 176 |
| 30 | 17,750 | 18,000 | 178 |
| 31 | 18,000 | 18,250 | 180 |

|    |        |        |     |
|----|--------|--------|-----|
| 1  | 18,250 | 18,500 | 182 |
| 2  | 18,500 | 18,750 | 184 |
| 3  | 18,750 | 19,000 | 186 |
| 4  | 19,000 | 19,250 | 188 |
| 5  | 19,250 | 19,500 | 190 |
| 6  | 19,500 | 19,750 | 192 |
| 7  | 19,750 | 20,000 | 194 |
| 8  | 20,000 | 20,250 | 196 |
| 9  | 20,250 | 20,500 | 198 |
| 10 | 20,500 | 20,750 | 200 |
| 11 | 20,750 | 21,000 | 202 |
| 12 | 21,000 | 21,250 | 204 |
| 13 | 21,250 | 21,500 | 206 |
| 14 | 21,500 | 21,750 | 208 |
| 15 | 21,750 | 22,000 | 210 |
| 16 | 22,000 | 22,250 | 212 |
| 17 | 22,250 | 22,500 | 214 |
| 18 | 22,500 | 22,750 | 216 |
| 19 | 22,750 | 23,000 | 218 |
| 20 | 23,000 | 23,250 | 220 |
| 21 | 23,250 | 23,500 | 222 |
| 22 | 23,500 | 23,750 | 224 |
| 23 | 23,750 | 24,000 | 226 |
| 24 | 24,000 | 24,250 | 228 |
| 25 | 24,250 | 24,500 | 230 |
| 26 | 24,500 | 24,750 | 232 |
| 27 | 24,750 | 25,000 | 234 |
| 28 | 25,000 | 25,250 | 236 |
| 29 | 25,250 | 25,500 | 238 |
| 30 | 25,500 | 25,750 | 240 |
| 31 | 25,750 | 26,000 | 242 |

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|----|--------|--------|-----|
| 1  | 26,000 | 26,250 | 244 |
| 2  | 26,250 | 26,500 | 246 |
| 3  | 26,500 | 26,750 | 248 |
| 4  | 26,750 | 27,000 | 250 |
| 5  | 27,000 | 27,250 | 252 |
| 6  | 27,250 | 27,500 | 254 |
| 7  | 27,500 | 27,750 | 256 |
| 8  | 27,750 | 28,000 | 258 |
| 9  | 28,000 | 28,250 | 260 |
| 10 | 28,250 | 28,500 | 262 |
| 11 | 28,500 | 28,750 | 264 |
| 12 | 28,750 | 29,000 | 266 |
| 13 | 29,000 | 29,250 | 268 |
| 14 | 29,250 | 29,500 | 270 |
| 15 | 29,500 | 29,750 | 272 |
| 16 | 29,750 | 30,000 | 274 |
| 17 | 30,000 | 30,250 | 276 |
| 18 | 30,250 | 30,500 | 278 |
| 19 | 30,500 | 30,750 | 280 |
| 20 | 30,750 | 31,000 | 282 |
| 21 | 31,000 | 31,250 | 284 |
| 22 | 31,250 | 31,500 | 286 |
| 23 | 31,500 | 31,750 | 288 |
| 24 | 31,750 | 32,000 | 290 |
| 25 | 32,000 | 32,250 | 292 |
| 26 | 32,250 | 32,500 | 294 |
| 27 | 32,500 | 32,750 | 296 |
| 28 | 32,750 | 33,000 | 298 |
| 29 | 33,000 | 33,250 | 300 |
| 30 | 33,250 | 33,500 | 302 |
| 31 | 33,500 | 33,750 | 304 |

|    |        |        |     |
|----|--------|--------|-----|
| 1  | 33,750 | 34,000 | 306 |
| 2  | 34,000 | 34,250 | 308 |
| 3  | 34,250 | 34,500 | 310 |
| 4  | 34,500 | 34,750 | 312 |
| 5  | 34,750 | 35,000 | 314 |
| 6  | 35,000 | 35,250 | 316 |
| 7  | 35,250 | 35,500 | 318 |
| 8  | 35,500 | 35,750 | 320 |
| 9  | 35,750 | 36,000 | 322 |
| 10 | 36,000 | 36,250 | 324 |
| 11 | 36,250 | 36,500 | 326 |
| 12 | 36,500 | 36,750 | 328 |
| 13 | 36,750 | 37,000 | 330 |
| 14 | 37,000 | 37,250 | 332 |
| 15 | 37,250 | 37,500 | 334 |
| 16 | 37,500 | 37,750 | 336 |
| 17 | 37,750 | 38,000 | 338 |
| 18 | 38,000 | 38,250 | 340 |
| 19 | 38,250 | 38,500 | 342 |
| 20 | 38,500 | 38,750 | 344 |
| 21 | 38,750 | 39,000 | 346 |
| 22 | 39,000 | 39,250 | 348 |
| 23 | 39,250 | 39,500 | 350 |
| 24 | 39,500 | 39,750 | 352 |
| 25 | 39,750 | 40,000 | 354 |
| 26 | 40,000 | 40,250 | 356 |
| 27 | 40,250 | 40,500 | 358 |
| 28 | 40,500 | 40,750 | 360 |
| 29 | 40,750 | 41,000 | 362 |
| 30 | 41,000 | 41,250 | 364 |
| 31 | 41,250 | 41,500 | 366 |

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|----|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1  | 41,500        | 41,750        | 368        |
| 2  | 41,750        | 42,000        | 370        |
| 3  | 42,000        | <u>42,250</u> | <u>372</u> |
| 4  | <u>42,250</u> | <u>42,500</u> | <u>374</u> |
| 5  | <u>42,500</u> | <u>42,750</u> | <u>376</u> |
| 6  | <u>42,750</u> | <u>43,000</u> | <u>378</u> |
| 7  | <u>43,000</u> | <u>43,250</u> | <u>380</u> |
| 8  | <u>43,250</u> | <u>43,500</u> | <u>382</u> |
| 9  | <u>43,500</u> | <u>43,750</u> | <u>384</u> |
| 10 | <u>43,750</u> | <u>44,000</u> | <u>386</u> |
| 11 | <u>44,000</u> | <u>44,250</u> | <u>388</u> |
| 12 | <u>44,250</u> | <u>44,500</u> | <u>390</u> |
| 13 | <u>44,500</u> | <u>44,750</u> | <u>392</u> |
| 14 | <u>44,750</u> | <u>45,000</u> | <u>394</u> |
| 15 | <u>45,000</u> | <u>45,250</u> | <u>396</u> |
| 16 | <u>45,250</u> | <u>45,500</u> | <u>398</u> |
| 17 | <u>45,500</u> | <u>45,750</u> | <u>400</u> |
| 18 | <u>45,750</u> | <u>46,000</u> | <u>402</u> |
| 19 | <u>46,000</u> | <u>46,250</u> | <u>404</u> |
| 20 | <u>46,250</u> | <u>46,500</u> | <u>406</u> |
| 21 | <u>46,500</u> | <u>46,750</u> | <u>408</u> |
| 22 | <u>46,750</u> | <u>47,000</u> | <u>410</u> |
| 23 | <u>47,000</u> | <u>47,250</u> | <u>412</u> |
| 24 | <u>47,250</u> | <u>47,500</u> | <u>414</u> |
| 25 | <u>47,500</u> | <u>47,750</u> | <u>416</u> |
| 26 | <u>47,750</u> | <u>48,000</u> | <u>418</u> |
| 27 | <u>48,000</u> | <u>48,250</u> | <u>420</u> |
| 28 | <u>48,250</u> | <u>48,500</u> | <u>422</u> |
| 29 | <u>48,500</u> | <u>48,750</u> | <u>424</u> |
| 30 | <u>48,750</u> | <u>49,000</u> | <u>426</u> |
| 31 | <u>49,000</u> | <u>49,250</u> | <u>428</u> |

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|----|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1  | <u>49,250</u> | <u>49,500</u> | <u>430</u> |
| 2  | <u>49,500</u> | <u>49,750</u> | <u>432</u> |
| 3  | <u>49,750</u> | <u>50,000</u> | <u>434</u> |
| 4  | <u>50,000</u> | <u>50,250</u> | <u>436</u> |
| 5  | <u>50,250</u> | <u>50,500</u> | <u>438</u> |
| 6  | <u>50,500</u> | <u>50,750</u> | <u>440</u> |
| 7  | <u>50,750</u> | <u>51,000</u> | <u>442</u> |
| 8  | <u>51,000</u> | <u>51,250</u> | <u>444</u> |
| 9  | <u>51,250</u> | <u>51,500</u> | <u>446</u> |
| 10 | <u>51,500</u> | <u>51,750</u> | <u>448</u> |
| 11 | <u>51,750</u> | <u>52,000</u> | <u>450</u> |
| 12 | <u>52,000</u> | <u>52,250</u> | <u>452</u> |
| 13 | <u>52,250</u> | <u>52,500</u> | <u>454</u> |
| 14 | <u>52,500</u> | <u>52,750</u> | <u>456</u> |
| 15 | <u>52,750</u> | <u>53,000</u> | <u>458</u> |
| 16 | <u>53,000</u> | <u>53,250</u> | <u>460</u> |
| 17 | <u>53,250</u> | <u>53,500</u> | <u>462</u> |
| 18 | <u>53,500</u> | <u>53,750</u> | <u>464</u> |
| 19 | <u>53,750</u> | <u>54,000</u> | <u>466</u> |
| 20 | <u>54,000</u> | <u>54,250</u> | <u>468</u> |
| 21 | <u>54,250</u> | <u>54,500</u> | <u>470</u> |
| 22 | <u>54,500</u> | <u>54,750</u> | <u>472</u> |
| 23 | <u>54,750</u> | <u>55,000</u> | <u>474</u> |
| 24 | <u>55,000</u> | <u>55,250</u> | <u>476</u> |
| 25 | <u>55,250</u> | <u>55,500</u> | <u>478</u> |
| 26 | <u>55,500</u> | <u>55,750</u> | <u>480</u> |
| 27 | <u>55,750</u> | <u>56,000</u> | <u>482</u> |
| 28 | <u>56,000</u> | <u>56,250</u> | <u>484</u> |
| 29 | <u>56,250</u> | <u>56,500</u> | <u>486</u> |
| 30 | <u>56,500</u> | <u>56,750</u> | <u>488</u> |
| 31 | <u>56,750</u> | <u>57,000</u> | <u>490</u> |

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|----|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1  | <u>57,000</u> | <u>57,250</u> | <u>492</u>        |
| 2  | <u>57,250</u> | <u>57,500</u> | <u>494</u>        |
| 3  | <u>57,500</u> | <u>57,750</u> | <u>496</u>        |
| 4  | <u>57,750</u> | <u>58,000</u> | <u>498</u>        |
| 5  | <u>58,000</u> | <u>58,250</u> | <u>500</u>        |
| 6  | <u>58,250</u> | <u>58,500</u> | <u>502</u>        |
| 7  | <u>58,500</u> | <u>58,750</u> | <u>504</u>        |
| 8  | <u>58,750</u> | <u>59,000</u> | <u>506</u>        |
| 9  | <u>59,000</u> | <u>59,250</u> | <u>508</u>        |
| 10 | <u>59,250</u> | <u>59,500</u> | <u>510</u>        |
| 11 | <u>59,500</u> |               | <u>510</u> [370]. |

\* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.20.350 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(h) Notwithstanding (d) of this section, annually, after December 31, 2020, the department shall increase weekly benefit amounts under (d) of this section by \$2 for each \$250 by which an individual's base period wages exceed \$59,500, to an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the average weekly wage determined under (j) of this section.

(i) Annually, in November, the department shall give notice to the public of the weekly benefit amounts under (d) and (h) of this section by posting on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175) and distributing copies of the notice without charge to persons who request copies and to publicly and privately owned news media organizations in the state. The notice must provide that any person may submit comments to the commissioner regarding the content of the notice.

(j) Annually, before November 1, the department shall determine the average annual wage paid to employees covered by this chapter for the most recent 12-month period that ended on June 30, and divide that wage by 52 to determine the average weekly wage.

\* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2019.