

AMENDMENTS TO LB265

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

1           1. Insert the following new section:

2           **Sec. 4.** Section 48-626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3   2024, is amended to read:

4           48-626 (1) For any benefit year beginning before July 21, 2022, any  
5   otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year  
6   to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a)  
7   twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his  
8   or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of  
9   his or her base period; except that when any individual has been  
10   separated from his or her employment with a base period employer under  
11   circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined  
12   disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total benefit  
13   amount based on the employment from which he or she was so separated  
14   shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection (2) of  
15   this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for each  
16   separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for  
17   any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual  
18   was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.

19           (2) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described  
20   in subsection (1) of this section:

21           (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
22   under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
23   determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit  
24   amount shall be reduced by:

25           (i) Two times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left  
26   work voluntarily for the sole purpose of accepting previously secured,  
27   permanent, full-time, insured work, which he or she does accept, which

1 offers a reasonable expectation of betterment of wages or working  
2 conditions, or both, and for which he or she earns wages payable to him  
3 or her; or

4 (ii) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she  
5 left work voluntarily without good cause for any reason other than that  
6 described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section; and

7 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
8 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
9 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit  
10 amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit  
11 amount.

12 (3) For any benefit year beginning on or after July 21, 2022, any  
13 otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year  
14 to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a)  
15 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his  
16 or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of  
17 his or her base period; except that when any individual has been  
18 separated from his or her employment with the most recent insured  
19 employer under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
20 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total  
21 benefit amount based on the employment from which he or she was so  
22 separated shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection  
23 (4) of this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for such  
24 separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for  
25 any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual  
26 was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.

27 (4) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described  
28 in subsection (3) of this section:

29 (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
30 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
31 determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit

1 amount shall be reduced by thirteen times his or her weekly benefit  
2 amount if he or she left work voluntarily without good cause; and

3 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
4 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
5 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit  
6 amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit  
7 amount.

8 (5) For purposes of sections 48-623 to 48-626, wages shall be  
9 counted as wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to  
10 any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date  
11 on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the  
12 conditions of section 48-603 or subsection (3) of section 48-661 with  
13 respect to becoming an employer.

14 (6) In order to determine the benefits due under this section and  
15 sections 48-624 and 48-625, each employer shall make reports, in  
16 conformity with reasonable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated  
17 by the commissioner, of the wages of any claimant. If any employer fails  
18 to make such a report within the time prescribed, the commissioner may  
19 accept the statement of such claimant as to his or her wages, and any  
20 benefit payments based on such statement of earnings, in the absence of  
21 fraud or collusion, shall be final as to the amount.

22 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the amount of benefits  
23 to which an eligible individual is entitled shall not be affected by any  
24 changes made in this legislative bill.

25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
26 accordingly.