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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Heavey and Winsley; by request of Employment Security Department)

Brief Title: Allowing an application for initial determination to be in writing or in another form determined by the commissioner of the employment security department.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent that if the written application process is to be eliminated, the employment security department must ensure that unemployment insurance claimants remain actively involved in reemployment activities and that an independent evaluation be conducted of the call center approach to unemployment insurance.

Provides that, to ensure that following the initial application for benefits, an individual is actively engaged in searching for work, effective July 1, 1999, the employment security department shall implement a job search monitoring program.

Directs the employment security department to ensure that within a reasonably short period of time after the initiation of benefits, all unemployment insurance claimants, except those with employer attachment, union referral, in commissioner approved training, or the subject of antiharassment orders, register for job search in an electronic labor exchange system that supports direct employer access for the purpose of selecting job applicants.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an evaluation of the new call center approach to unemployment insurance.