RCW 50.16.010 Unemployment compensation fund—Administrative contingency fund. (1) There shall be maintained as special funds, separate and apart from all public moneys or funds of this state an unemployment compensation fund and an administrative contingency fund, which shall be administered by the commissioner exclusively for the purposes of this title, and to which RCW 43.01.050 shall not be applicable.

(2)(a) The unemployment compensation fund shall consist of:

(i) All contributions collected under RCW 50.24.010 and payments in lieu of contributions collected pursuant to the provisions of this title;

(ii) Any property or securities acquired through the use of moneys belonging to the fund;

(iii) All earnings of such property or securities;

(iv) Any moneys received from the federal unemployment account in the unemployment trust fund in accordance with Title XII of the social security act, as amended;

(v) All money recovered on official bonds for losses sustained by the fund;

(vi) All money credited to this state's account in the unemployment trust fund pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, as amended;

(vii) All money received from the federal government as reimbursement pursuant to section 204 of the federal-state extended compensation act of 1970 (84 Stat. 708-712; 26 U.S.C. Sec. 3304);

(viii) The portion of the additional penalties as provided in RCW 50.20.070(2) that is fifteen percent of the amount of benefits overpaid or deemed overpaid; and

(ix) All moneys received for the fund from any other source.

(b) All moneys in the unemployment compensation fund shall be commingled and undivided.

(3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the administrative contingency fund shall consist of:

(i) All interest on delinquent contributions collected pursuant to this title;

(ii) All fines and penalties collected pursuant to the provisions of this title, except the portion of the additional penalties as provided in RCW 50.20.070(2) that is fifteen percent of the amount of benefits overpaid or deemed overpaid;

(iii) All sums recovered on official bonds for losses sustained by the fund; and

(iv) Revenue received under RCW 50.24.014.

(b) All fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of this title or rules adopted under this title shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW.

(c) Except as provided in (d) of this subsection, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014, shall be expended upon the direction of the commissioner, with the approval of the governor, whenever it appears to him or her that such expenditure is necessary solely for:

(i) The proper administration of this title and that insufficient federal funds are available for the specific purpose to which such expenditure is to be made, provided, the moneys are not substituted

for appropriations from federal funds which, in the absence of such moneys, would be made available.

(ii) The proper administration of this title for which purpose appropriations from federal funds have been requested but not yet received, provided, the administrative contingency fund will be reimbursed upon receipt of the requested federal appropriation.

(iii) The proper administration of this title for which compliance and audit issues have been identified that establish federal claims requiring the expenditure of state resources in resolution. Claims must be resolved in the following priority: First priority is to provide services to eligible participants within the state; second priority is to provide substitute services or program support; and last priority is the direct payment of funds to the federal government.

(d)(i) During the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the legislature for: (A) The cost of the job skills or worker retraining programs at the community and technical colleges and administrative costs at the state board for community and technical colleges; and (B) reemployment services such as business and project development assistance, local economic development capacity building, and local economic development financial assistance at the department of commerce. The remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

(ii) During the 2015-2017, 2017-2019, 2019-2021, and 2025-2027 fiscal biennia, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the legislature: (A) For the department of social and health services for employment and training services and programs in the WorkFirst program; (B) for the administrative costs of state agencies participating in the WorkFirst program; and (C) by the commissioner for the work group on agricultural and agricultural-related issues as provided in the 2013-2015 omnibus operating appropriations act. The remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

(iii) During the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, moneys available in the administrative contingency fund, other than money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a), shall be expended as appropriated by the legislature for the career connected learning grant program authorized in RCW 28C.30.040 and 28C.30.050, and for additional audit support staff due to an increase in the workload associated with audits. The remaining appropriation may be expended as specified in (c) of this subsection.

(4) Money in the special account created under RCW 50.24.014(1)(a) may only be expended, after appropriation, for the purposes specified in this section and RCW 50.62.010, 50.62.020, 50.62.030, 50.24.014, 50.44.053, and 50.22.010. [2025 c 424 s 965; 2019 c 415 s 977; 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 977; 2016 sp.s. c 36 s 940; 2014 c 221 s 920; 2013 c 189 s 1; 2012 c 198 s 11; 2009 c 564 s 946; 2009 c 4 s 906; 2008 c 329 s 915; 2007 c 327 s 4; 2006 c 13 s 18. Prior: 2005 c 518 s 933; prior: 2003 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 23; 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 s 925; 2002 c 371 s 914; prior: 1993 c 483 s 7; 1993 c 226 s 10; 1993 c 226 s 9; 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 59; 1987 c 202 s 218; 1985 ex.s. c 5 s 6; 1983 1st ex.s. c 13 s 5; 1980 c 142 s 1; 1977 ex.s. c 292 s 24; 1973 c 73 s 4; 1969 ex.s. c 199 s 27; 1959 c 170 s 1; 1955 c 286 s 2; 1953 ex.s. c 8 s 5; 1945 c 35 s 60; Rem. Supp. 1945 s

9998-198; prior: 1943 c 127 s 6; 1941 c 253 ss 7, 10; 1939 c 214 s 11; 1937 c 162 s 13.]

Effective date—2025 c 424: See note following RCW 9.46.100.

Effective date—2019 c 415: See note following RCW 28B.20.476.

Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 1: See note following RCW 43.41.455.

Effective date—2016 sp.s. c 36: See note following RCW 18.20.430.

Effective date—2014 c 221: See note following RCW 28A.710.260.

Conflict with federal requirements—2013 c 189: "If any part of this act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict, and the finding or determination does not affect the operation of the remainder of this act. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal unemployment tax credits to employers in this state." [2013 c 189 s 5.]

Effective date—2013 c 189: "This act takes effect October 20, 2013." [2013 c 189 s 7.]

Effective date—2012 c 198: See note following RCW 70A.15.5110.

Expiration date—2009 c 564 s 946: "Section *946 of this act expires June 30, 2016." [2009 c 564 s 963.]

***Reviser's note:** During the course of passage of 2009 c 564 the section numbering was changed, but the section reference in section 963 was not changed accordingly. The amendments to RCW 43.325.040 were apparently intended to expire on June 30, 2016. RCW 43.325.040 expired June 30, 2016.

Effective date—2009 c 564: See note following RCW 2.68.020.

Effective date—2009 c 4: See note following RCW 43.79.460.

Severability—Effective date—2008 c 329: See notes following RCW 28B.105.110.

Severability—Conflict with federal requirements—Effective date—2007 c 327: See notes following RCW 50.24.014.

Retroactive application—2006 c 13 ss 8-22: See note following RCW 50.04.293.

Conflict with federal requirements—Part headings not law—Severability—2006 c 13: See notes following RCW 50.20.120.

Effective date—2005 c 518: See note following RCW 28A.600.110.

Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—Effective date—2003 2nd sp.s. c 4: See notes following RCW 50.01.010.

Severability—Effective date—2003 1st sp.s. c 25: See notes following RCW 19.28.351.

Severability—Effective date—2002 c 371: See notes following RCW 9.46.100.

Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—1993 c 483: See notes following RCW 50.04.293.

Effective dates—1993 c 226 ss 10, 12, and 14: "(1) Sections 10 and 12 of this act shall take effect June 30, 1999;

(2) Section 14 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1998." [1993 c 226 s 20.]

Conflict with federal requirements—1993 c 226: "If any part of this act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the conflicting part of this act is hereby declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding or determination shall not affect the operation of the remainder of this act. The rules under this act shall meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal unemployment tax credits to employers in this state." [1993 c 226 s 21.]

Severability—1993 c 226: "If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1993 c 226 s 22.]

Application—1993 c 226: "This act applies to tax rate years beginning with tax rate year 1994." [1993 c 226 s 23.]

Effective dates—1991 sp.s. c 13: See note following RCW 18.04.105.

Intent—1987 c 202: See note following RCW 2.04.190.

Conflict with federal requirements—Severability—1985 ex.s. c 5: See notes following RCW 50.62.010.

Conflict with federal requirements—1983 1st ex.s. c 13: "If any part of this act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements which are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this act is hereby declared to be inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding or determination shall not affect the operation of the remainder of this act. The rules under this act shall meet federal requirements which are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state." [1983 1st ex.s. c 13 s 13.]

Effective dates—1977 ex.s. c 292: See note following RCW 50.04.116.

Effective dates—1973 c 73: See note following RCW 50.04.030.