

To: Co-Chairs of the Labor and Public Employees Committee
Senator Edith G. Prague
Representative Kevin Ryan

Testimony of the Connecticut Department of Labor, Tuesday, 2-27-07, Room 2A, 2:00 pm on two bills:

- Senate Bill # 1292, "AAC the Alternative Base Period for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation" and
- Senate Bill # 1293, "AAC Data under the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act."

We respectfully ask for favorable action on the following two bills.

Senate Bill # 1292, "AAC the Alternative Base Period for Purposes of Unemployment Compensation"

The alternative base period has been subject to a sunset provision and then extended multiple times. We requested a two-year extension. The bill removes the sunset.

SB# 1293,"AAC Data under the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act."

The bill allows us to integrate federal trade act data into our interactive database, which contains data from three major programs, the federal Workforce Investment Act, the federal Wagner-Peyser Act and Connecticut's Jobs first Employment Services. U.S. Department of Labor requires states to use uniform reporting measures across multiple programs. Therefore, we are integrating the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act. Such integration will allow the most effective provision of service to individuals, employers, and the users of this system.

Pursuant to federal law trade act data must be held confidential and we have provided language to insure this.