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RE: S.B. 113

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to support the proposed bill S.B. 113, which corrects a flaw in the unemployment compensation regulations. After being laid off from my main job (after 11.5 years at a local newspaper), I started to receive unemployment compensation. To support my family, I was working part time. By receiving unemployment (at a large pay cut from my original wages), 2/3rds of my part-time check is deducted from my unemployment check.

Why should someone be punished for trying to make ends meet? If a person can't find full-time work, why should someone be punished for taking a part-time job until a full-time job opens up? Why should someone be discouraged from working? I'm still working my part-time job, but my effect pay is only about \$3 an hour. That's not much incentive to work. And I'm only staying at this job because I might still need it after finding a full-time job. And that may take a while in this economy.

The same situation applies if someone tries to work on his own part time, such as an Avon or other type of home business. Most home-based businesses earn part-time incomes and are run to supplement a person's income. By deducting any "profits" from an unemployment check, a person is discouraged from becoming productive.

Unemployment compensation has limits to it. The fund runs out. It's not permanent. Any regulations that discourage people from working are counter-productive.