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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5232**

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEARINGS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY APPEALS DIVISION UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT.***

**SUMMARY:**

Current law requires appeals over unemployment benefit eligibility to be heard in-person at a location that is reasonably convenient for the parties. This bill makes hearings by telephone or other electronic means the default method for conducting these appeals, but it requires in-person hearings if either party requests one. It also allows the Employment Security Appeals Division's executive head to designate the hearing's location regardless of its convenience for the parties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 0 (03/15/2012)