
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 938

AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR STRIKING WORKERS.

SUMMARY

This bill generally makes striking workers eligible for unemployment benefits after they have been on strike for two consecutive weeks. Current law generally disqualifies claimants for benefits during any week in which their unemployment is due to a labor dispute other than a lockout. The bill lifts this disqualification after a period of two consecutive weeks during which the claimant's unemployment is due to the labor dispute.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, claimants may also qualify for benefits during a labor dispute, with no waiting period, if (1) the labor dispute is a lockout or (2) the claimant is not participating in the labor dispute and does not belong to a trade, class, or organization of workers that is participating in, financing, or directly interested in the dispute (e.g., non-union employees at a business temporarily closed by a strike).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 4 (02/16/2023)