

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3140**

Ordered by the House April 22  
Including House Amendments dated April 22

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Eliminates waiting week requirement for eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.]*  
*[Sunsets for weeks ending after May 30, 2010.]*

**Extends period of time during which eligible individual may receive work benefits under shared work plan.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to unemployment insurance benefits; amending ORS 657.380; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 657.380 is amended to read:

657.380. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, for the purposes of ORS 657.370 to 657.390, an individual is unemployed and eligible to receive shared work benefits with respect to any week if, in addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements of this chapter, except as specifically excepted in subsection (4) of this section, the Director of the Employment Department finds:

(a) During the week the individual is employed as a member of an affected group in an approved plan which was approved prior to the week and is in effect for the week.

(b) During the week the individual's normal weekly hours of work were reduced, in accordance with an approved plan, at least 20 percent but not more than 40 percent, with a corresponding reduction in wages.

(2) Shared work benefits shall not be paid to an eligible individual for more than [26] **52** weeks under an approved plan or modification thereof.

(3) The total amount of regular benefits and shared work benefits paid to an individual in a benefit year shall not exceed the total for the benefit year as provided in ORS 657.150 (5).

(4) An otherwise eligible individual shall not be denied benefits under this section because of the application of any provision of this chapter relating to availability for work, active search for work or refusal to apply for or accept work from other than the individual's shared work employer.

**SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.