

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Action Date:** 04/08/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/11, 04/08

**Vote:**

Yeas: 11 - Barreto, Barton, Doherty, Esquivel, Evans, Fagan, Heard, Holvey, Kennemer, Nosse, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows claimant to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits when outside the local labor market for purpose of applying for employment within the local labor market. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Proposal allowing recovery of benefit overpayments when individual receives an award of back pay

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Deletes proposed changes requiring reduction in unemployment insurance benefits when claimant receives back pay award.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under existing statute, an individual who leaves their local labor market for most of the week is considered unavailable for work and thus not eligible to receive an unemployment insurance benefit payment for the week. There is an exception for cases where the individual is traveling to find work in the area they are visiting. However, the exemption does not exist if they are traveling for a job interview for a position in their local labor market. House Bill 2440-A allows a claimant, without losing their unemployment insurance benefit, to travel outside of their normal labor market to apply for a job that is located in their normal labor market.