

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2659**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield**

February 24, 2012

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An act to add Section 1279.7 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2659, as introduced, Blumenfield. Unemployment insurance: shared work.

Existing law permits the payment of a reduced amount of unemployment compensation benefits to an individual who participates in a shared work unemployment insurance benefit program pursuant to an approved employer plan. Existing law requires the Employment Development Department to implement and administer the plan, and authorizes the Director of Employment Development to terminate a shared work plan for good cause if the plan is not being carried out according to its terms and intent.

This bill would require the department to also develop and implement an outreach plan designed to provide information and inform employers in this state of the shared work program, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1279.7 is added to the Unemployment
- 2 Insurance Code, to read:

1 1279.7. The department shall develop and implement an  
2 outreach plan designed to provide information and inform  
3 employers in this state of the shared work program set forth in  
4 Section 1279.5. The plan shall include outreach to statewide and  
5 local chambers of commerce, employer advisory councils, and  
6 small business advisory councils.

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