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DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 761 amends the Workforce Development Act to require the Department of Labor and Industry (department) to disseminate information to local workforce development agencies.

This legislation requires Local Workforce Development Boards (local boards) to receive and use information received from the department's new hire database and unemployment information for the development of local plans and assessing program eligibility. Local boards may choose to opt out of receiving and utilizing the data.

The Center for Workforce Information and Analysis (CWIA) is required to develop and maintain a dashboard that includes information from the new hire database, unemployment compensation claimant data and unemployment compensation wage records. The information shall be sortable by (but not limited to) location, occupation, industry and demographic characteristics.

The CWIA is required to provide technical assistance to local boards, government agencies and public officials on the use and interpretation of the data, including training on data dissemination, interpretation, analysis, reporting and research.

Senate Bill 761 allows for the following uses of unemployment compensation data:

- Evaluation of program performance;
- Financial analysis required by law or regulation;
- Preparation of reports required by law or regulation;
- Improving the quality or delivery of services; and
- Establishing a common case management system.

The legislation also provides for confidentiality and protection of information as follows:

- The dissemination, disclosure and use of information must be in a written agreement in compliance with federal regulation;

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- The release of information is limited to aggregated data except when an agency or agent contractor must exchange information for an authorized purpose;
- No individual identifying information shall be redisclosed in the course of tabulation or publication; and
- Information may be used for a specific time period, as specified in the written agreement, not to exceed ten years.

Senate Bill 761 requires the department to develop written agreements with each local board to include:

- Specific information requested and the purpose for which it is sought;
- A statement that those receiving information under the agreement will only be those with a need to access it for the purposes listed in the agreement;
- The method and timing for dissemination of information;
- Payment by the local board for the cost of providing the information;
- Protocols for safeguarding information; and
- Inspection requirements to ensure federal law and agreements are being met.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 761 will require both one time and continuing costs. The Department of Labor and Industry anticipates a one-time \$1 million cost to develop the required dashboard. An ongoing \$440,000 cost for two additional staff and operations will be required to provide technical assistance and maintain the dashboard.