

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX Unemployment Insurance Subtraction

March 8, 2021

General Fund

DOR Administrative Costs/Savings X

Department of Revenue Analysis of H.F.1658 (Stephenson)

Fund Impact			
F.Y. 2022	F.Y. 2023	F.Y. 2024	F.Y. 2025
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(\$237,900)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effective for tax years 2020 and 2021 only.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The bill creates a temporary subtraction for supplemental unemployment insurance benefits. The subtraction is equal to federal pandemic unemployment compensation paid under the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136), as extended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) and benefits paid under the federal Lost Wage Assistance program. The CARES Act provided an additional \$600 per week for eligible individuals in 2020. The CAA 2021 extended the program through March 14, 2021 but reduced the amount to \$300. The Lost Wage Assistance program provided supplemental payments of \$300 per week from July 26, 2020 to September 5, 2020.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- Total federal supplemental unemployment insurance payments from March 2020 through February 2021 were provided by the Department of Employment and Economic Development.
- It was assumed that around 65% of claims would result in taxable income on individual returns, based on the average percentage of claims that were reported as taxable income.
- Benefits as of February 2021 are \$5.4 billion. The estimate was increased by \$244 million to account for additional benefits that will be paid in 2021.
- A marginal rate of 6.5% was assumed.
- Retroactive impacts were allocated to fiscal year 2022.

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