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## Washington State Senate

**Senator Jim Honeyford**  
15th Legislative District

All of Klickitat and  
Skamania counties,  
south Yakima County  
and southeast Clark County

### MEMORANDUM

25 November 2003

TO: Dr. Sylvia P. Mundy, Commissioner  
Department of Employment Security

FROM: Senator Jim Honeyford, Chair  
Senate Commerce and Trade Committee

SUBJ: 2ESB 6097

Enclosed is a copy of information put out by the Washington State Labor Council regarding the change in weekly benefits to twenty-six weeks. While they may now say that they thought the reduction to twenty-six weeks was a floating target based on the unemployment rate, this clearly indicates that they understood the reduction to be permanent.

This information, the bill reports, and the fact that the Legislature never discussed a floating benefit week based on the unemployment rate, provides clear and concise evidence that it was the Legislature's intent that the reduction to twenty-six weeks be permanent.

cc: Juanita Myers, UI Rules Coordinator  
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