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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1610

DATE PREPARED: Jan 15, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Base period for unemployment compensation.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes the base period for computation of unemployment benefits to the last four completed calendar quarters. (Current law provides that the base period for computation of unemployment benefits is the first four of the last five calendar quarters.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill changes the base period for computation of unemployment benefits will be calculated on four completed calendar quarters rather than on the current computation of the first four of the last five calendar quarters. It is anticipated that the change in the computation base will increase the amount of unemployment benefits available to recipients. The balance of the Unemployment Benefit Trust Fund as of December 7, 1998 was \$1.4 billion. This provision will impact the amount of benefits available to an individual from the Unemployment Benefit Trust Fund. The fiscal impact of this provision is indeterminable at this time and will be updated when information is available.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See "Explanation of State Expenditures."

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Workforce Development.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

Information Sources: