## HOUSE BILL 261

# Introduced by Whalen, et al.

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ı	HOUSE BILL NO. 261
2	INTRODUCED BY Whalen Stor Ministry
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN
5	EMPLOYEE MAY BE DENIED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS
б	BECAUSE OF A STOPPAGE OF WORK; AMENDING SECTION 39-51-2305,
7	MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
0	Section 1. Section 39-51-2305, MCA, is amended to read:
11	"39-51-2305. Disqualification when unemployment dueto

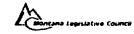
strike because of stoppage of work. (1) An individual shall be is disqualified for benefits for any week with-respect-to which the departmen finds that his-the individual's total unemployment is due-to because of a strike stoppage of work which that exists because of a labor dispute at the factory, establishment, or other premises at which he the individual is or was last employed.7-provided-that-this This subsection shall does not apply if it is shown to the satisfaction of the department that an individual:

- (a) he is not participating in or financing or directly interested in the labor dispute which that caused the strike stoppage of work; and
- 24 (b) he does not belong to a grade or class of workers 25 of which, immediately before the commencement of the strike

stoppage of work, there were members employed at the premises at which the strike stoppage of work occurs, any of whom are participating in or financing or directly interested in the dispute.

- (2) If in-any-case separate branches of work which that are commonly conducted as separate businesses in separate premises are conducted in separate departments of the same premises, each such department shall is, for the purpose of this section, be-deemed considered to be a separate factory, establishment, or other premises.
- 11 (3) If the department, upon investigation, shall--find 12 finds that such the labor dispute is caused by the failure 13 or refusal of any an employer to conform to the provisions 14 of any a law of the state wherein where the labor dispute 15 occurs or of the United States pertaining to collective 16 bargaining, hours, wages, or other conditions of work, such 17 the labor dispute shall may not render the workers ineligible for benefits." 18
- NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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#### STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB0261, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: An act providing that an employee may be denied Unemployment Insurance Benefits because of a stoppage of work.

### ASSUMPTIONS:

The Department of Labor and Industry can not project the fiscal impact of this proposal because the number of labor disputes, their duration, and number of people involved is unpredictable.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

An increase in benefit payments of some unknown amount will be realized. Any increase in benefit payments will eventually result in higher tax rates to all employers during some years.

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Fiscal Note for HB0261, as introduced HB 261