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COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
TIME: 3:30 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
TIMESLOT: LCA

THE STATE CAPITOL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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A G E N D A

HB 1278, HD1

(HSCR29)

Status &
Testimony

RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY.

LCA/WAM

Amends the definitions of benefit year and week. Conforms the manner of filing claims for partial benefits to the same as for total or part-total benefits. Provides relief for certain reimbursable employers. Requires the director of labor and industrial relations to omit benefits charged for experience rating for employers due to the event of COVID-19 in calendar years 2021 and 2022. For calendar years 2021 and 2022, sets the employer contribution rate at schedule D. Makes amendments to contribution rate schedule and procedure for determination retroactive to 1/1/2021. (HD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Chair

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