

ACT 250

A Bill for an Act Relating to Employment Security and Amending Chapter 93, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as Amended.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 93, Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) The first paragraph in section 93-21 is amended to read:

“Section 93-21. Weekly benefit amount; computation, minimum and maximum.

“(a) In the case of an individual who has established a benefit year prior to January 2, 1966, his weekly benefit amount shall be the amount appearing in Column B in the table in this section on the line on which, in Column A of such table, there appears the total wages paid to such individual for insured work in that quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest.

“(b) In the case of an individual whose benefit year begins on or after January 2, 1966, his weekly benefit amount shall be, except as otherwise provided herein, an amount equal to one twenty-fifth of his total wages for insured work paid during the calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest. Such weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of \$1, shall be computed to the next higher multiple of \$1. If an individual's weekly benefit amount is less than five dollars, it shall be five dollars. The maximum weekly benefit amount shall be determined annually as follows: On or before November 30 of each year the total remuneration paid by employers, as

reported on contribution reports submitted on or before such date, with respect to all employment during the four consecutive calendar quarters ending on June 30 of such year shall be divided by the average monthly number of individuals performing services in such employment during the same four calendar quarters as reported on such contribution reports. The amount thus obtained shall be divided by fifty-two and the average weekly wage (rounded to the nearest cent) thus determined. Two-thirds of the average weekly wage shall constitute the maximum weekly benefit amount and shall apply to all claims for benefits filed by an individual qualifying for payment at the maximum weekly benefit amount in the benefit year commencing on or after the first day of the calendar year immediately following the determination of such maximum weekly benefit amount. Such maximum weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of \$1, shall be computed to the next higher multiple of \$1."

(b) Section 93-23 is amended to read:

"Section 93-23. Maximum potential benefits. The maximum potential benefits of an eligible individual in a benefit year shall be twenty-six times his weekly benefit amount."

(c) Section 93-28(e) is amended to read:

"(e) Wages for insured work; weeks of employment.

"(1) In the case of an individual who has established a benefit year prior to January 3, 1965, he has been paid wages for insured work during his base period in an amount equal to at least the amount appearing in Column C of the schedule in section 93-21 on the line on which, in Column B of the schedule, appears his weekly benefit amount.

"(2) In the case of an individual who has established a benefit year after January 2, 1965 but prior to January 2, 1966, he has had during his base period a total of fourteen or more weeks of employment as defined in section 93-1(s) and has been paid wages for insured work during his base period in an amount equal to at least the amount appearing in Column C of the schedule in section 93-21 on the line on which, in Column B of the schedule, appears his weekly benefit amount.

"(3) In the case of an individual whose benefit year begins on or after January 2, 1966, he has had during his base period a total of fourteen or more weeks of employment as defined in section 93-1(s) and has been paid wages for insured work during his base period in an amount equal to at least thirty times his weekly benefit amount as determined under section 93-21(b).

"(4) For the purposes of this subsection, wages and weeks of employment shall be counted for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the dates on which the employing unit by which such wages or other remuneration as provided in section 93-1(s) were paid has satisfied the conditions of section 93-1(i) with respect to becoming an employer."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
(Approved July 9, 1965.) **S.B. 730.**