

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2023 BR NUMBER 408

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 93

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

**SPONSOR** Representative Nima Kulkarni

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

STATE FISCAL IMPACT:  YES  NO  UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY:  ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS  
 LOCAL MANDATE  CORRECTIONS IMPACT  HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Workforce Development

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2022-2023	2023-2024	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES		indeterminable	indeterminable
NET EFFECT		(indeterminable)	(indeterminable)

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** This measure allows eligible workers to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits if they become unemployed due to circumstances of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. These claims are to be charged to the UI pooled account to avoid impacting employer’s experience rating.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The bill would cause an increase in expenditures from the federal UI pooled account. Several factors make it difficult to predict the number of domestic violence victims who would file UI claims, whether substantiated documentation would be provided to allow approval of such claims, as well as the number of weeks of benefits that would be requested. Reports from other states that currently allow UI claims for domestic violence show a minimal impact to UI benefits paid. While the impact on the federal UI pooled account is indeterminable, the Kentucky employer’s UI reserve accounts would not be impacted by the passage of this legislation.

**DATA SOURCE(S):** LRC Staff, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Montana Department of Labor & Industry

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