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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 383-29.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended t	o read as follows:
3	"[+]	<pre>§383-29.6[] Partial unemployment; eligibility. (a)</pre>
4	A new cla	im or an initial additional claim for partial
5	unemploym	ent benefits may be filed as the department prescribes
6	for any w	eek only if the individual:
7	(1)	Is a full-time worker;
8	(2)	Is attached to a regular employer, as defined in
9		section 383-1;
10	(3)	Worked less than or did not work the individual's
11		normal, customary full-time hours, as defined in
12		section 383-1, for that week;
13	(4)	Had no earnings or earned less than the individual's
14		weekly benefit amount for that week; and
15	(5)	Was unemployed due to a lack of full-time work, as
16		defined in section 383-1, for that week.

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1	(b)	Effective July 1, 2010, notwithstanding any law or
2	rule to t	he contrary, an individual shall not be disqualified
3	for benef	its for any week in which the individual separates from
4	an employ	er offering part-time employment, only:
5	(1)	If the individual has established eligibility for
6		partial unemployment in accordance with subsection
7		(a); and
8	(2)	Where the individual's wages from the regular employer
9		to which the individual is attached is at least
10		seventy-five per cent of the total wages in the base
11		period of the current claim during which the
12		separation from the employer offering part-time
13		employment occurred.
14	(C)	For purposes of subsection (b):
15	(1)	The employer offering part-time employment shall not
16		be charged for any benefits paid on the individual's
17		current or subsequent claim; and
18	(2)	"Part-time" means less than "full-time work" as
19		defined in section 383-1."
20	SECT	ION 2. Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, is
21	amended b	y amending section 7 to read as follows:

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1	"SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009,
2	and shall be repealed on July 1, 2012; provided that on July 1,
3	2012, sections 383-1 and 383-29(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
4	shall be reenacted in the same form in which they read on
5	June 30, 2009[ $\cdot$ ]; provided further that section 383-A, Hawaii
6	Revised Statutes, in section 2 of this Act, shall not be
7	repealed."
8	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
10	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.
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### Report Title:

Unemployment Benefits; Disqualification; Part-time Work

#### Description:

Authorizes an individual that is attached to a regular employer who is not offering work to still receive unemployment insurance benefits under certain circumstances if the individual separates from an employer offering part-time employment. (SD1)

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