



Rep. Reichert Introduces Bill to prohibit paying UI benefits to individuals in Jail

On July 25, 2013, Rep. Dave Reichert, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee introduced the “Permanently Ending Receipt by Prisoners Act” to provide that individuals confined to jail, prison or other penal institution or correctional facility pursuant to conviction of a criminal offense are ineligible for regular compensation and requiring each state UI agency to seek information from Social Security or additional means in order to identify such individuals.

Many states have adopted measures to better identify individuals in prison while claiming unemployment compensation and realized savings for state UI trust funds in denying payments and/or collecting overpayments.

This bill is introduced by the Chairman of the subcommittee with jurisdiction and enjoys co-sponsorship by all of the Republican members of the sub-committee.

The bill may be accessed at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c113:H.R.2826>:

The reference in the legislation to information through SSA would include a program currently available but not widely used by states. See links below

Prisoner Update Processing System (PUPS)

The Prisoner information contains data reported to SSA and retained on the Prisoner Update Processing System. Examples of the data are confinement date, released date, reporter name and facility name and address. Click on the link for the full list of [PUPS record](#) data elements.

<http://www.ssa.gov/foia/bluebook/60-0269.htm>
<https://secure.ssa.gov/POMS.NSF/lx/0502310073>

UWC is reviewing the details of the proposed legislation and we expect a hearing on UI Integrity this fall. More details to come.