## House File 2524

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- 1 Amend House File 2524 as follows:
- 2 l. Page l, before line l by inserting:
- 3 <Section 1. Section 96.4, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
- 4 2024, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 b. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
- 6 contrary, the department may establish by rule a process to
- 7 waive or alter the work search requirements of this subsection
- 8 for a claim for benefits if an individual has a reasonable
- 9 expectation that the individual will be returning to employment
- 10 and is attached to a regular job or industry or is a member
- ll in good standing of a union therein eligible for referral for
- 12 employment, and if the individual's employer will continue
- 13 to cover the cost of health insurance, and other employment
- 14 benefits provided to the employee by the employer, during the
- 15 period of the waiver or alteration. To be considered attached
- 16 to a regular job or industry, an individual must be on a
- 17 short-term temporary layoff. If work is not available at the
- 18 conclusion of the layoff period due to short-term circumstances
- 19 beyond the employer's control, the employer may request an
- 20 extension of the waiver or alteration for up to two weeks from
- 21 the department. For purposes of this paragraph, "short-term
- 22 temporary layoff" means a layoff period of sixteen weeks or
- 23 less due to seasonal weather conditions that impact the ability
- 24 to perform work related to highway construction, repair, or
- 25 maintenance with, which has a specific return-to-work date
- 26 verified by the employer.>
- 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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