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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Expedite the Processing of Applications
for Certification under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Position added; Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services.

Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall add one new permanent position in the Bureau of Employment Services to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification of an employee as a member of a target group for purposes of the employer's qualifying for the federal work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and be it further

Sec. 2 Report. Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by February 1, 2018 with information concerning employer applications for certification pursuant to the work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code submitted to the department in 2017 and the extent of any backlog in application processing; and be it further

Sec. 3 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Eligibility Specialist position and related All Other costs to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification required for the federal work opportunity tax credit.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$50,750	\$67,666
All Other	\$8,182	\$8,182
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,932	\$75,848

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve that directs the Department of Labor to establish a new permanent position in the Bureau of Employment Services to expedite

the processing of employer applications for certification required for the federal work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The amendment also requires the Department of Labor to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development with information concerning applications submitted by employers in 2017, including information on the extent of any backlog in application processing, by February 1, 2018. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)