Return to Work Bonus

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• Applications accepted from July 13, 2020, to August 14, 2020
• Available funds: $100M
• Bonus amounts
  ▪ $750 for part-time workers (20-29 hours per week)
  ▪ $1,500 for full-time workers (30 or more hours per week)
• Applications from employers (not employees)
• Employees must forgo unemployment and return to work

The Numbers
**The Numbers - Employers**

- 5,183 employer applications received
- 4,982 employer applications had a bonus paid
  - The most common denial reason was the applicant didn’t have a withholding permit
  - Some resubmitted with corrected employer information

**The Numbers - Employees**

- 31,782 employees were submitted for a bonus
- 27,179 employees received a bonus
  - The most common denial reason was the employee hadn’t applied for unemployment benefits
The Numbers - Dollars

• $36M was put in the hands of Idaho employees from the Return to Work Bonus program

• For the accountants
  ▪ $36,303,250
  ▪ $1,335.71 average payment
  ▪ 21,193 (78%) received a full payment of $1,500

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• The Tax Commission was able to quickly distribute $36M dollars to help stimulate the Idaho economy.
• The reception from business and individual participants has been largely positive.
• A few people returned their bonuses.
• Thank you to the Governor’s Office, CFAC, and the Workforce Development Council for their support of this program.

Questions

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