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UNEMPLOYMENT BOARD OF REVIEW APPEALS

House Bill 6067

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**Committee: Employment Relations,
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6067 AS INTRODUCED 5-9-02

House Bill 6067 would amend the Michigan Employment Security Act to require that the Unemployment Board of Review consider an appeal if a written request is submitted.

Currently under the law, the Board of Review conducts an oral hearing in a matter before the board after an application for the hearing is made by an interested party, and that application is approved by two or more members of the board assigned to review the appeal. If an application for an oral hearing is not approved, the board does not consider a written argument unless all parties are represented, or all parties agree that written argument should be considered. If neither an oral hearing is held, nor written argument considered, the board decides the case on the referee record, and notifies the interested parties. Within 30 days and upon the basis of further evidence, a rehearing can be scheduled.

The bill would modify these provisions by specifying that the Board of Review would conduct an oral hearing in a matter before the board if a written application for the hearing was made by an interested party. If a written application for an oral hearing was submitted, the board would consider written or oral arguments. Under the bill, the requirement that the application be approved by two or more members would be eliminated. Further and under the bill, an interested party could appear before the Board of Review in person, or be represented by legal counsel.

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