States that have enacted Domestic Violence Unemployment Insurance: Impacts on the UI system

1. Which states have enacted DVUI or are considering DVUI?
2. What are the cost of providing UI to domestic violence survivors?
3. What would be the impacts on the Washington State UI system?
States that have enacted provisions for unemployment benefits for domestic violence survivors

- Delaware (2000)  Oregon (by rule, 1999)
States Considering DVUI legislation in 2001

- Arizona
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Montana
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Washington
- West Virginia
Costs of DVUI in other states

- States responding with actual numbers of claims paid:
  - Colorado – 63 claims (1999)
  - Delaware – no claims (2000)
  - Nebraska – 4-5 claims (2000)
  - Wyoming – 5-6 claims (1999)

- States responding with estimated number of claims:
  - Maine – 10 per year
  - Oregon – 20 per year
  - Rhode Island – 10 per year

- States responding that little or no fiscal impact experienced: California, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina
Average UI tax as % of wages paid Washington State

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workforce Security
Comparison of total UI benefits paid with estimated DVUI benefits

$144,000

$929,838,679

Percentage of total paid: .015%

Estimated amount domestic violence UI would cost

Total amount paid out by the system in the latest year for which data is available (7/1/99 to 6/30/2000)

From fiscal note and ESD data
Socialized UI costs as percentage of taxable wages

From ESD data FY99
Ratio of non-charged UI benefits to total UI benefits paid

- 15.1% of benefits paid

From ESD data FY 99
Ratio of non-charged UI benefits to total benefits under a DVUI provision

- $141,295,616 (total benefits paid)
- 144,000 (DVUI benefits)
- 929,838,679 (non-charged benefits)

• 15.2% of benefits paid