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## **SUTA Dumping Prevention Act of 2004**

### **Testimony to the Senate Business Affairs, Labor and Technology Committee**

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My name is Rich Jones and I am the Director of Policy and Research for the Bell Policy Center. The Bell is a non partisan, non profit, public policy organization committed to making Colorado a state of opportunity for all regardless of race or economic background. The Bell seeks to reinvigorate the debate on issues affecting the well-being of families and working adults.

The Bell Policy Center supports House Bill 05-1092 the SUTA Dumping Prevention Act.

1. The U.S. Department of Labor established guidelines for state anti-SUTA dumping laws. Our analysis of House Bill 05-1092 shows that it meets or in some areas exceeds the federal requirements.
2. SUTA dumping hurts state unemployment trust funds and shifts a tax burden to law abiding citizens. Unemployed workers, particularly low-income workers rely on the unemployment system to keep them and their families from falling out of the cycle of opportunity and into poverty. Actions that weaken the unemployment system hurt these workers.
3. Most of the SUTA dumping schemes have been directed at large employers. Small businesses particularly, those with a small number of employees, are harmed by the tax avoidance when SUTA dumping occurs.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with you today. If you have any questions or if I can provide further information please call me at 303.297.0456 or email me at [Jones@theBell.org](mailto:Jones@theBell.org)



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