

AGENDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 • 9:00 a.m. • Room 20 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

- 9:00 **1. Committee Business**
- Call to order
 - Approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting
- 9:05 **2. Open and Public Meetings Act Training**
The Open and Public Meetings Act requires annual training on its provisions for members of a public body (see Utah Code Section 52-4-104). This training is provided in the spring of each year during interim committee meetings.
- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
- 9:15 **3. Economic Development Task Force -- Update**
H.B. 28, "Economic Development Task Force," created a two-year task force. The bill was recommended by the Workforce Services, Community, and Economic Development Interim Committee last year and passed in the 2012 General Session. The committee will hear a briefing on the duties and plans for the task force.
- Rep. Brad Wilson, Chair, Economic Development Task Force
- 9:30 **4. Capitol Facilities Grants Process for Community and Culture Projects**
HB 236, "Department of Community and Culture Grants," which passed in 2009, instituted a process for the governor and Legislature to receive prioritized requests for appropriations from local entities involved in the arts, history, museums, and libraries. The process required the various subject matter boards of the Department of Community and Culture to prepare and submit an annual request to the governor and Legislature for prioritized capital facilities grants to be awarded to eligible applicants. After three years of experience with the new process, the Department is suggesting a review of policy options with the committee.
- Michael A. Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Culture
- 9:45 **5. Impact of Workforce Services' Modernization**
Recently the Department of Workforce Services has undergone modernization changes. What is the effect of modernization efforts of the Department of Workforce Services on job seekers, employers, department employees, and other participants in department programs?
- Sen. Karen Mayne
- 10:00 **6. Housing Authority Waiting Lists**
H.B. 489, "Housing Authority Application Process," which passed during the 2011 General Session, requires that, when there are two or more housing authorities established in certain counties, those housing

authorities must create a uniform online application process for their housing choice voucher program. The committee will receive an update on the implementation and effectiveness of this requirement.

- Rep. Gage Froerer

10:15 **7. General Assistance Program**

The state-funded General Assistance Program provides cash assistance to an adult who, because of physical or mental impairment, is unable to work at any occupation and is not eligible for other cash assistance. Beginning May 1, 2012, the maximum amount of the cash assistance increased from \$261 to \$287 per month for an individual and from \$362 to \$398 for a household of two. The last increase was in 1998. The cash assistance is limited to 12 months of benefits in any 60-month period. What changes, if any, are needed to this program?

- Rep. Brian King
- Bill Tibbitts, Associate Director, Crossroads Urban Center

10:30 **8. Other Committee Business / Adjourn**

The Legislative Management Committee has asked the committee chairs to submit a list of proposed study items for the 2012 interim. The chairs welcome input from committee members on study items by submitting proposals to the chairs at the end of the meeting.