

# REVISED AGENDA

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 17, 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 September 19, 2012, meeting
- 9:05 2. Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Report**  
*S.B. 37, "Intergenerational Poverty Provisions," which passed during the 2012 General Session, requires the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) to "establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty using available data." The bill also requires the department to provide to the committee an annual report on the data, findings, and potential uses of the tracking system.*
- Jon Pierpont, Acting Director, Department of Workforce Services
  - Rick Little, Director, Research and Analysis, Department of Workforce Services
- 9:30 3. Unemployment Insurance Fund Amendments (draft legislation)**  
*During the August meeting, the committee heard a report on the status of the Unemployment Insurance Fund and voted to prioritize a bill file to address issues raised by DWS in the meeting. The committee will consider the draft legislation.*
- Bill Starks, Director, Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Workforce Services
- 9:45 4. Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund Report**  
*The Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund (OWHLF) partners with public and private organizations to create and preserve affordable housing for Utah's low-income community. The OWHLF Board is required to submit an annual written report to the committee accounting for expenditures authorized by the board and evaluating the effectiveness of the program (see Utah Code Section 9-4-708).*
- Gordon D. Walker, Director, Housing and Community Development Division, Department of Workforce Services
- 10:00 5. Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism (draft legislation)**  
*During the September meeting, the committee voted to prioritize a bill file to make changes to the Utah Commission on Volunteers. These changes have been proposed by the lieutenant governor and by the executive director of the Department of Heritage and Arts. The committee will consider the draft legislation.*
- Julie Fisher, Executive Director, Department of Heritage and Arts
- 10:20 6. Agency Reporting Provisions (draft legislation)**  
*S.B. 274, "Legislative Committee Amendments," which passed during the 2012 General Session, provided uniform language regarding the reporting requirements of agencies to the committee. During the September meeting, the committee voted to prioritize a bill file to further the standardization of reporting*

*provisions. Accordingly, the draft bill applies the uniform language to all reports that are required to be submitted to the Legislature by the Department of Heritage and Arts, DWS, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The committee will consider the draft legislation.*

- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

**10:35 7. Department of Workforce Services Assistance Programs -- Summary**

*At the direction of the chairs, the committee staff and DWS prepared a summary table of public assistance programs administered by DWS. The table is designed to briefly describe each of the 18 programs, including the purpose, eligibility requirements, benefit amount and restrictions, administrative contact information, and law citations for each program as a resource to legislators and others in understanding available assistance programs.*

- Peter Asplund, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Geoffrey Landward, Director, Division of Legal Services, Department of Workforce Services

**10:45 8. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Implementation by the Department of Workforce Services -- Update**

*In 2010, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Among other things, the act will significantly impact Medicaid eligibility, which DWS administers on behalf of the federal government. The committee will hear an update on how the act will affect the department, what flexibility is allowed, and how the department is preparing for the changes.*

- Kevin Burt, Associate Director, Eligibility Services Division, Department of Workforce Services

**11:00 9. Other Committee Business / Adjourn**