

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
November 15, 2000 - 9:30 a.m. - Room 414 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Robert M. Muhlestein,  
Senate Chair  
Rep. Michael R. Styler,  
House Chair  
Sen. Parley G. Hellewell  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen  
Rep. Ron Bigelow  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Ben C. Ferry  
Rep. Lloyd W. Frandsen  
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart  
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

**Members Absent:**

Sen. D. Edgar Allen  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. David L. Zolman

**Staff Present:**

Arthur L. Hunsaker,  
Research Analyst  
Keith M. Woodwell,  
Associate General Counsel  
Audrey Wendel,  
Legislative Secretary

**Note: Names of others present and copies of information distributed at the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.**

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Revised October 18, 2000 Minutes** - Chair Muhlestein called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Styler moved to approve the revised minutes of the October 18, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Allen and Frandsen absent for the vote.

**2. Updates: Department of Workforce Services Implementation of Changes to the Payment to Parents Program; and Health and Safety Standards for Child Care Providers who Receive Child Care Development Funds** - Ms. Ann Stockham, Child Care Program Specialist, Department of Workforce Services, distributed a handout titled, "Payment to Parent Child Care Update" from which she made her presentation. Ms. Stockham and Ms. Virginia Smith, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services, answered questions from the committee.

Ms. Karen Silver, Advocate, Salt Lake Community Action Program, spoke against the two-party check system and urged the committee to monitor the progress of the program's implementation and receive a report from the department in the first interim meeting of 2001.

Mr. Johnny Anderson, President, Utah Private Child Care Association, echoed Ms. Silver's comments regarding the two-party check system.

Rep. Goodfellow asked why the department doesn't use a more common payment method

used by other states. Ms. Stockham said that they borrowed the two-party check model from Idaho, and added that they feel this payment method will be successful.

**3. Draft Legislation - Department of Workforce Services** - Ms. Sarah Brenna, Policy Analyst, Department of Workforce Services, distributed two handouts titled, "Department of Workforce Services (DWS) Proposed Unemployment Insurance Legislation for 2001" and "Department of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance Amendments" from which she gave her presentation.

Rep. Snow asked if there are large employers who do not report quarterly wage data electronically. Mr. Jim Finch, Unemployment Insurance Director, Department of Workforce Services, said there are a few, and added that the department is requesting that employers with 250 or more employees report their quarterly wage data on magnetic media or electronic file transfer.

Ms. Silver noted that the Salt Lake Community Action Program is concerned with the proposed change to a Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) process instead of a subpoena. Ms. Smith clarified that the department has always operated under GRAMA, and indicated that federal regulations require that there must be a court order to access the records.

Mr. Larry Bunkall, President, Utah Manufacturers Association, expressed support for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Goodfellow moved to approve the Unemployment Insurance Amendments in concept as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Allen absent for the vote.

Ms. Brenna distributed two handouts titled, "Department of Workforce Services Proposed Technical Amendments" and "Department of Workforce Services (DWS) Proposed Technical Amendments 2001" from which she gave her presentation.

Rep. Frandsen questioned whether it was appropriate to refer to the Child Care Advisory Committee as an "Advisory Committee" if the committee has the power to approve organizations that will be supported by the Office of Child Care.

Ms. Gina Cornia, Utah Issues, expressed disappointment with the removal of Section 35A-3-312, and the proposed changes affecting Individual Development Accounts (IDA's), from the bill.

Ms. Silver expressed disappointment with the removal of language requiring the director

of the Office of Child Care to recommend legislation that will further the purposes of the office. She also spoke against removal of the Child Care Expendable Trust Fund.

**MOTION:** Rep. Frandsen moved that an ad hoc committee be developed to study IDA's. Reps. Biskupski, Hansen and Lockhart expressed a willingness to serve on that committee. The motion passed with Rep. Allen absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hellewell moved that Section 35A-3-204 be removed from the bill, and that the new language previously proposed by the department for inclusion in Section 35A-3-204 instead be added to Section 35A-3-203 as a subsection (7) and that the language be clarified to indicate that the support provided by the Office of Child Care is organizational and not financial. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Allen absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Frandsen moved to approve the Proposed Technical Amendments, as amended, in concept as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Allen absent for the vote.

**4. Committee Business** - Rep. Styler thanked committee members for their hard work and service throughout the year. He recognized those who will be retiring, and those who may not be returning to the committee next year.

**5. Adjourn** -

**MOTION:** Rep. Ferry moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

