

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, April 21, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 225 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. David N. Cox, House Chair  
Sen. Karen Hale  
Sen. David L. Thomas  
Sen. Carlene Walker  
Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. Dana C. Love  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff  
Rep. Peggy Wallace

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Art L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://le.utah.gov> or by contacting the committee secretary, Glenda Whitney, at 538-1032.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cox moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2003. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Hale, Sen. Thomas, Rep. Alexander, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Love, and Rep. Shurtliff absent for the vote.

**2. Staff Report: Legislation Passed in the 2004 General Session Related to Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development**

Mr. Wilson presented an overview of committee related legislation that passed during the 2004 General Session.

Chair Jenkins requested a list of all groups that are to report to the Committee during the interim, including the specific month.

**3. Agency Report: S.B. 202, Unemployment Insurance Amendments**

Mr. Chris Love, DWS (Department of Workforce Services), presented the first of three reports required by S.B. 202, "Unemployment Insurance Amendments," 2004 General Session, and distributed handouts related to Unemployment Insurance.

Mr. Bill Starks, Chief of Contribution, Unemployment Insurance, DWS, reviewed from the report the scope of SUTA (State Unemployment Tax) Dumping.

#### **4. Sunset Act Review of Title 35A, Workforce Services Code**

Ms. Raylene Ireland, Director, DWS, reported on the status of the DWS and its compliance with the requirements of Title 35A.

Ms. Ireland presented an overview on the Reauthorization updates on the WIA (Workforce Investment Act), and the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). Mr. Mike Richardson, Deputy Director, Mr. Michael Sullivan, and Mr. Ron Alstrom, DWS, assisted with the presentation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wallace requested a detailed report on how the DWS improved performance in food stamp payment accuracy from 2001 to 2003. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Goodfellow absent for the vote.

Mr. Paul LaForge, Research and Development, DWS, presented a visual slide presentation on the Department's new program "Skill Window" that provides knowledge of occupations in demand.

**MOTION:** Sen. Walker moved to allow an unfunded group representing government, education, and business to meet to discuss the dissemination of employment training information and how it should impact curriculum decisions in public and higher education. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Alexander, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Love absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins asked Sen. Walker to chair the workgroup.

Mr. Greg Gardner, DWS, reviewed the scope and technology of the eREP (Electronic Resource and Eligibility Product) program.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cox moved to recommend extending the sunset date of the Utah Workforce Services Code to 2015. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Alexander, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Love absent for the vote.

#### **5. Review of Committee Study Items for 2004**

Mr. Hunsaker reviewed Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development related items from S.J.R. 11, Master Study Resolution, 2004 General Session, including an item that the Legislative Management Committee prioritized for the Committee to study during the 2004 Interim.

#### **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

Ms. Karen Silver, Advocate, Salt Lake Community Action Program, expressed concern with the "pause the clock" issue related to the Family Employment Program.

Ms. Ireland spoke to the concern.

Chair Jenkins suggested placing this issue on the June agenda.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mascaro moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Jenkins

adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.