

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

ROOM 225 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
January 24, 2003

Members Present: Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Curtis Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Members Excused: President Al Mansell
Rep. Greg J. Curtis

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Cherri White, Committee Secretary

Visitors List: Visitors List available at House of Representatives

Co-Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 2:15 and proceeded to have the committee members introduce themselves.

The meeting then proceeded with Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, giving a summary of the budgetary conditions and an overview of the Departments of Economic Development and Human Resources, and the Career Service Review Board. Specifically highlighted was the deficit in the FY 2003 budget resulting from gubernatorial veto's. In addition the FY 2004 expenditures for all departments are expected to be out of balance with revenues by approximately \$85.7 million. The pro rata share of reductions, if allocated, would be \$857,000. The total budget recommendations from the Analyst is \$129,656,400 for FY 2004.

Part of the requirements of the Department of Human Resources Management is to conduct a market survey and make recommendations to the Governor for annual adjustments in pay plans and compensation for state employees.

The budget of Department of Community and Economic Development (Green tab 1) represents a flat base budget Analyst recommendation of \$2,371,900.

Mr. Dave Harmer, Executive Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, addressed the committee regarding the recommendations. Mr. Harmer indicated that his department is committed to reducing on-going expenses in an effort to absorb the necessary reductions. Mr. Harmer also indicated a building block in the amount of \$450,000 for Utah Technology Alliance is being requested.

Kim Christensen, Department of Human Resources Management, addressed the committee regarding the recommendations for this department. Mr. Christensen was assisted in his presentation by Heather Sessions. It was requested that if at all possible the Legislature keep the benefits for State employees intact.

Robert Thompson, Career Services Review Board, addressed the committee regarding the issues facing this board (see handouts on file).

Senator Walker asked if mediation had been considered due to the heavy costs incurred, especially when dealing with transcription costs of hearings.

Audry Wood, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, and Dennis Hammer, Utah Public Employees Association addressed concerns to the committee (see handout on file).

MOTION: Senator Walker moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Sen. Carlene Walker , Co-Chair

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair