

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & LABOR
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 210, Senate Building

February 5, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chairman
Rep. Jim Bird, House Chairman
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent: Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Sen. Shiozawa called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 and February 3, 2014 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Harper and Rep. Dunnigan absent for the vote.

Insurance Department Building Blocks

Todd Kiser, Commissioner, Insurance Department, presented the two basic requests as: 1. One time for \$58,000 in the examinations area to be able to hire an administrator to handle some of the paperwork of examiners. This will allow the examiners to do more in-house exams. 2. Grant money earmarked for hiring 2 FTE's to help implement the ACA is running out. The department is requesting \$178,200 to replace the grants.

Financial Institutions Building Blocks

Edward Leary, Commissioner of Financial Institutions, and Michael Jones, Chief Examiner, explained the department's building block requests as: 1. Ongoing \$223,500 to hire 2 more field examiners to replace those lost during the recent downturn and \$18,000 one time for hiring costs. 2. \$107,300 for hiring an administrative officer to free up the chief examiner to do examinations and \$14,400 one time for hiring costs.

It was pointed out that the balance in the restricted account has been growing, and there is a bill being run this session to reduce fees. The reason why there is currently an unfilled position is that it is unfilled due to a death, and it takes considerable time and effort to hire a new examiner.

Labor Commission Building Blocks

Labor Commissioner Sherrie Hayashi and David Lamb, Director of Administrative Services, distributed a handout and made the following requests: 1. One-time supplemental request of \$650,000 General Fund and \$100,000 Industrial Accidents Restricted Account to complete the Computer Programming Project to allow electronic reporting of all occupational accidents and diseases. The request is that all funds would be nonlapsing as it is a several year project. 2. A Base Budget request of \$55,000 General Fund for 1 FTE Wage Claim Support Specialist to resolve the backlog of wage claims. 3. \$40,000 General Fund to relocate the Adjudication Division's Southern Utah office from Parowan to St. George. The southern office handles 29% of all cases, and the move will more effectively bring services to the people rather than forcing the people to travel to the services.

Request for Appropriation

Pat Richards, Chair, Board of Trustees, **Utah Symphony/Utah opera**, and Melia Tourangeau, President and CEO, introduced members of their board and with a handout and slide show requested \$300,000 one time to support the Mighty Five Utah Symphony Tour in August 2014 in which the symphony will provide five free concerts in Utah's five National Parks working directly with the Office of Tourism. It was pointed out that this tour would have a unifying effect and help spread funds statewide.

Jane Beckwith, Chairman, **Topaz Museum Board**, with Rick Okabe, board member, with a video requested \$150,000 one time to help finish the project. The purpose of the museum is to tell the story of the 11,000 people of Japanese ancestry who were held at Topaz during WWII. An example of a barrack apartment will be shown containing donated handmade furniture, An art gallery will display original works by Topaz internees. Artists from San Francisco were interned and started an art school.

Dr. Wilko informed the committee of the business of upcoming meetings.

Analyst King pointed out that the \$55,000 request for a Wage Claim Support Specialist for the Labor commission is on the one-time list for FY2015.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigann absent for the vote.

Sen. Shiozawa adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Chair

Rep. Jim Bird, Chair