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

Monday, January 30, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chair
Rep. R. Curt Webb, Chair
Rep. Scott D. Sandall, Vice Chair
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. D. Gregg Buxton
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow
Rep. Adam Gardiner

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Elizabeth Weight
Rep. John R. Westwood

Members Absent:

Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Staff Present:

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Sally Thompson, Administrative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

House Vice Chair, Scott D. Sandall called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. 8:00 to 8:05 a.m. Call to Order and Adopt Minutes

2. 8:05 to 8:40 a.m. Heritage and Arts Analyst Presentation and Agency Response Base

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, introduced H.B. 4, Business, Economic Development, and Labor Base Budget and gave a brief summary of the Heritage and Arts programs, line items and fees.

2a-BEDL Base Budget H.B.4

2b-BEDL - Performance Measures

2c-Issue Brief - BEDL - Agency Federal Funds Summary

2d-BEDL - S.B. 8

Ms. Jill Remington Love, Executive Director, Department of Heritage and Arts, gave an overview of the department's programs and performance measures.

Rep. Elizabeth Weight asked a question concerning productivity goals. Ms. Remington Love

responded.

Rep. Adam Gardiner spoke to the issue of operational efficiencies. Mr. Brian Somers, Deputy Director, Department of Heritage and Arts Department, responded.

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa requested information concerning artifacts from the Bear River Massacre and Indian Affairs, the Museum of Natural History funding, and the prospects for a larger museum. He also asked for clarification on the Competitive Grant Program that is currently under consideration. Mr. Somers and Ms. Remington Love responded to Sen. Shiozawa's questions.

Sen. Shiozawa asked for information concerning our relationship with the Leonardo. Mr. Somers provided additional information.

Vice Chair Sandall requested information concerning the continued need for Bookmobiles. Mr. Somers explained the value of continuing the Bookmobile program.

3. 8:40 to 9:20 a.m. Insurance Analyst Presentation and Agency Response Base Budget

Dr. Wilko gave an overview of the Insurance Division, programs, line items and fees.

Commissioner Todd Kiser described their department mission, programs and responsibilities.

Rep. Carol Spackman-Moss requested an explanation of a captive division. Commissioner Kiser responded to her request.

Rep. Stewart Barlow asked for information on the number of companies interested in self insured plans. Commissioner Kiser responded to the question.

Sen. Shiozawa requested an update on the status of ARCHES. Commissioner Kiser provided an update on ARCHES.

Rep. John R. Westwood asked for clarification concerning the provision of insurance for fire fighters and police departments. Commissioner Kiser responded to the question.

Mr. Patrick Lee, Budget Director, Utah Department of Insurance, added comments to the presentation.

Sen. Shiozawa requested examples of the processes behind their department's success with efficiency. Commissioner Kiser responded to the request.

Sen. Shiozawa asked for some follow-up information on ARCHES and Avenue H. Commissioner Kiser explained how the three R's (Risk Corridors, Reinsurance, Risk Adjustment) were developed and what is now happening with that program and with Avenue H.

4. 9:20 to 10:00 a.m. GOED Analyst Presentation and Agency Response Base Budget

Dr. Wilko gave an overview of the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), line items, programs and fees.

Mr. Val Hale, Executive Director of GOED, gave a presentation defining the agency's purpose, budget, and programs.

Sen. Shiozawa asked a question concerning the flexibility in negotiating for prospective companies. Mr. Hale responded to the question.

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson ask for a description of performance measures used by GOED. Mr. Hale and Ms. Jill Flygare, Managing Director, Internal Operations, responded to the question.

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg made a comment concerning performance incentives. Mr. Hale responded and continued with his presentation.

Sen. Anderegg inquired about the possibility of a request for a replenishment of funds from the budget. Dr. Wilko gave an explanation to the issue.

Sen. Shiozawa requested data concerning tourism and revenue. Mr. Hale responded to the request.

5. 10:00 to 10:20 a.m. Public Service Commission Analyst Presentation and Agency Response

Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Public Service Commission Division.

5a-Issue Brief - BEDL - Public Service Performance Measures

Thad LeVar, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, explained their programs, line items and functions.

Rep. Webb requested clarification on the issue of non-lapsing funds. Commissioner LeVar responded to the request.

Sen. Buxton requested information concerning wholesale gas regulations. Commissioner LeVar responded.

6. 10:20 to 10:30 a.m. RFA - Utah Summer Games - Rep. Westwood

Rep. Westwood introduced the request for appropriation for Utah Summer Games.

Ms. Donna Law, Chair, Utah Division of Arts and Museums, spoke to the request.

Sen. Evan J. Vickers expressed his support for this request.

7. 10:30 to 10:40 a.m. RFA - SpyHop - Sen. Davis

Sen. Gene Davis introduced an appropriation request for the Art Center Building for the Spy Hop program.

Ms. Kasandra Ver Bruggen, Executive Director, Spy Hop, gave an overview of the Spy Hop program, and functions.

Mr. Arazmo Martinez, a student at Salt Lake Community College presented a testimonial on the SpyHop Program and the impact it has had on his life.

Rep. Weight and Rep. Spackman expressed support for this request.

Rep. Webb asked questions concerning the building specifications, and other sources of funding for the new building. Sen. Davis responded to the question.

8. 10:40 to 10:50 a.m. RFA - Utah Shakespeare Festival - Sen. Vickers

Sen. Vickers introduced the request for appropriation for the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

Mr. Fred Adams, founder of Utah Shakespeare Festival, spoke to the request.

Mr. Scott Phillips, Executive Director, Utah State Shakespeare Festival, spoke to the request.

Rep. Weight and Rep. Westwood expressed support for this program.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.
The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Anderegg
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. G. Davis
Rep. A. Gardiner
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Sandall
Sen. B. Shiozawa
Rep. R. Webb
Rep. E. Weight
Rep. J. Westwood

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. D. Henderson
Rep. B. Wilson