

Introduction

The Legislative Management Committee approved the items below as study items for the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee. In accordance with legislative rule [JR7-1-401\(3\)](#), during the first meeting of the year, the interim committee:

- Shall review the study items;
- May, by majority vote, modify or add to the study items, provided that any additional item adopted is consistent with the committee's duties; and
- Shall adopt the original or amended list of study items by majority vote.

Item	Description
1. Unemployment insurance	Study implementation of CARES Act unemployment benefit programs, trends in new claims, and how to best maintain the health of the Unemployment Fund.
2. Small business assistance	Study on-going needs of small businesses and the effectiveness of existing small business assistance programs at mitigating the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.
3. Housing issues	Study on-going needs and effectiveness of housing-related measures and programs at mitigating the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.
4. Non-profit grant program	Study effectiveness of DHA grants to non-profits at mitigating the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.
5. Business assistance education	Study on-going needs and effectiveness of existing efforts to educate businesses on available federal and state economic assistance.
6. Workforce development	Study workforce training needs related to re-engaging workers displaced by measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.
7. Redevelopment agencies	Study on-going needs of redevelopment agencies related to the effects of measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.
8. Rural economic development	Study rural workforce and economic development needs and issues, including those related to measures taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.
9. Safety net programs	Study safety net program requirements and any changes needed as a result of COVID-19, including to work/work search requirements and periods of eligibility.
10. Air quality	Study improvements in air quality resulting from measures taken in response to COVID-19 and market-based options for maintaining the improved air quality,
11. Other issues that arise related to Covid-19	Study other COVID-19 related issues affecting economic development and workforce services that arise during the interim.