

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

2026 Committee Guide

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Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee | May 20, 2026

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The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (OLRGC) serves the Legislature, legislative committees, and individual legislators by providing nonpartisan policy and legal analysis, drafting legislation, staffing legislative committees, and managing legislative data and processes. We are subject matter experts, from specific policy areas to legislative process and procedure. OLRGC's legal staff also provides legal counsel and representation for our legislative clients in state and federal court.



Sivan Nizan
Policy Analyst

Three professional staff members from OLRGC support the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee.

Research Services

One of OLRGC's primary goals is to provide policy research and analysis to legislators, legislative committees, commissions, and task forces. To accomplish that goal, OLRGC staff maintains several research responsibilities, including to:

- Research and conduct in-depth policy analysis on policies implemented by other states, the federal government, or entities within the state of Utah
- Prepare policy briefs, memoranda, briefing papers, and presentations
- Track relevant federal and state legislation
- Present research findings to legislators and committees
- Assist legislators in applying research findings during policy development
- Assist committee chairs, committees, and individual legislators with applying legislative committee rules and processes



Rhonda Bailey
Associate General Counsel

Legal Services

OLRGC Associate General Counsel serve as the nonpartisan, in-house legal counsel for the Utah Legislature and each of its members. The nonpartisan legal services provided by OLRGC attorneys include:

- Bill drafting, including amendments to numbered bills and substitute bills
- Statutory and constitutional interpretation and analysis
- Legal analysis and advice
- Legal representation in state and federal courts and administrative tribunals
- Multi-state law surveys
- Formal and informal legal opinions



Zoe Adams
Administrative Assistant



2026 General Session Legislation

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During the 2025 interim period, the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended three bills for considering during the 2026 General Session. The table below lists each bill and provides a brief, high-level summary, and the outcome. Bill numbers are hyperlinked to the full bill.

This document is a resource for legislators and does not include every piece of legislation related to economic development and workforce services. Please contact EDW Interim Committee staff for additional information.

| Bill Number | Sponsor | Bill Summary | Outcome |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>HB35 Bears Ears Visitor Center Advisory Committee Amendments</u> | Rep. Monson Sen. Hinkins | Extended the committee sunset by two years, to 2028. | Passed in <u>S.B. 12</u> |
| <u>SB29 Child Care Advisory Committee Amendments</u> | Sen. Kwan Rep. Gricius | Extended the committee sunset by three years, to 2029. | Passed in <u>S.B. 12</u> |
| <u>HB68 Housing and Community Development Amendments</u> | Rep. Roberts Sen. Fillmore | Created the Division Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED). HCD is lead by a Governor appointed, Senate confirmed state housing coordinator. Moved programs from the Division of Housing and Community Development in the Department of Workforce Services to HCD. Repealed obsolete sections of code. | Passed |



Agencies and Code Responsibilities

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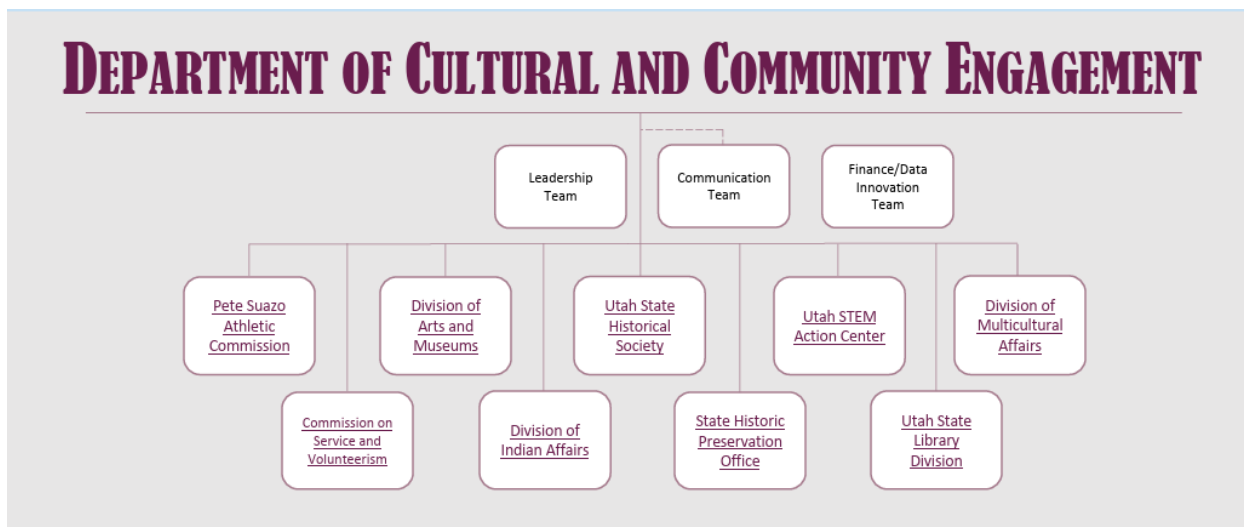
The Legislature’s General Counsel divides the Utah Code into code responsibilities by subject area. Attorneys and policy analysts are assigned a subject area to provide subject matter expertise, legal and policy analysis, and bill drafting services. Three titles and agencies are assigned to the economic development and workforce services subject area. Portions of the titles listed below may be assigned to another subject area.

| Code section | Title |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Title 9 | Cultural and Community Engagement |
| Title 35A | Utah Workforce Services Code |
| Title 63N | Economic Opportunity Act |



Title 9: Cultural and Community Engagement

Department of Cultural and Community Engagement



General Information:

Website: <https://community.utah.gov/>

Important Documents: [Strategic Plan 2022-2027](#); [2025 Annual Report](#)

Commissioner: Donna Law

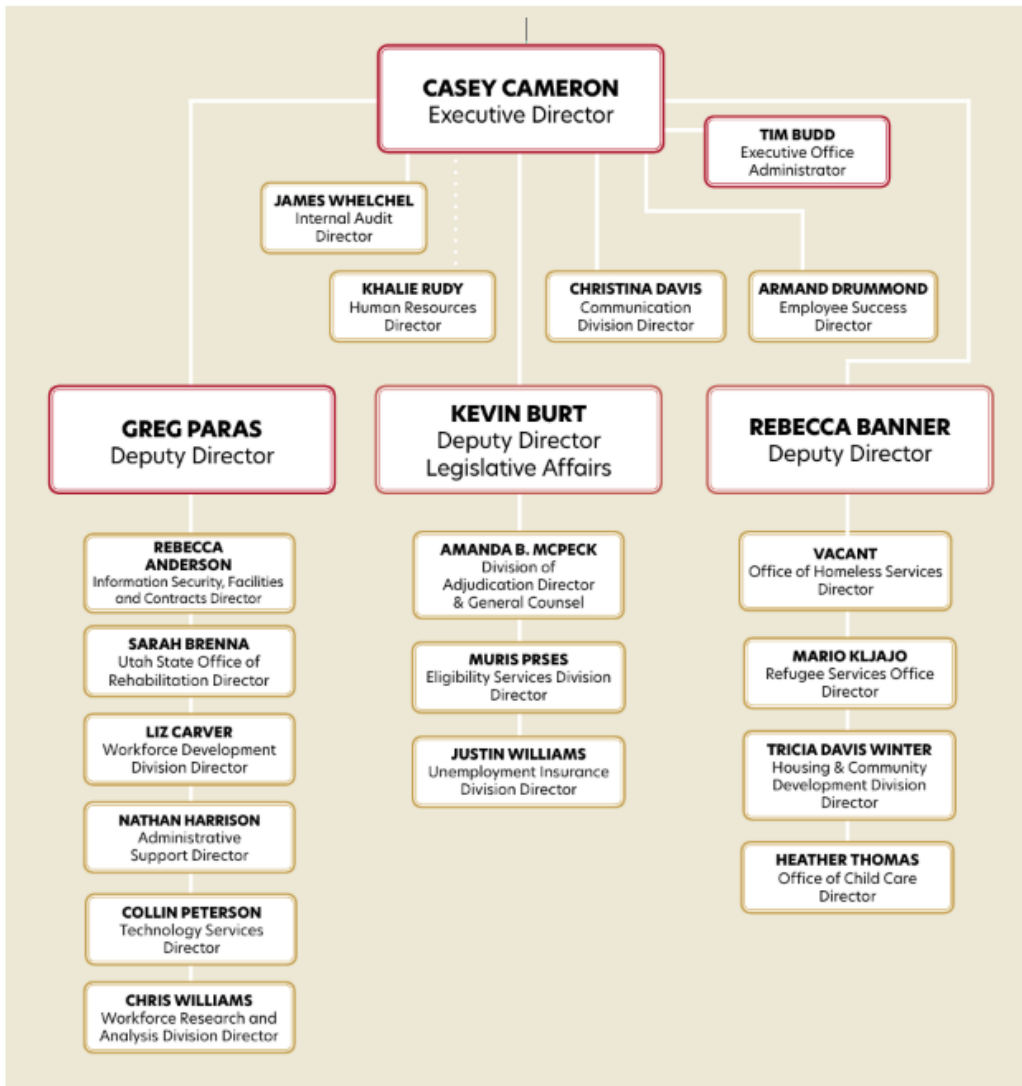
Legislative Contact: Heidi Tak, Director of Operations



Title 35A: Utah Workforce Services Code

Department of Workforce Services

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
ORGANIZATION CHART

General Information

Website: <https://jobs.utah.gov/>

Important Documents: [Strategic Plan](#); [2025 Annual Report](#)

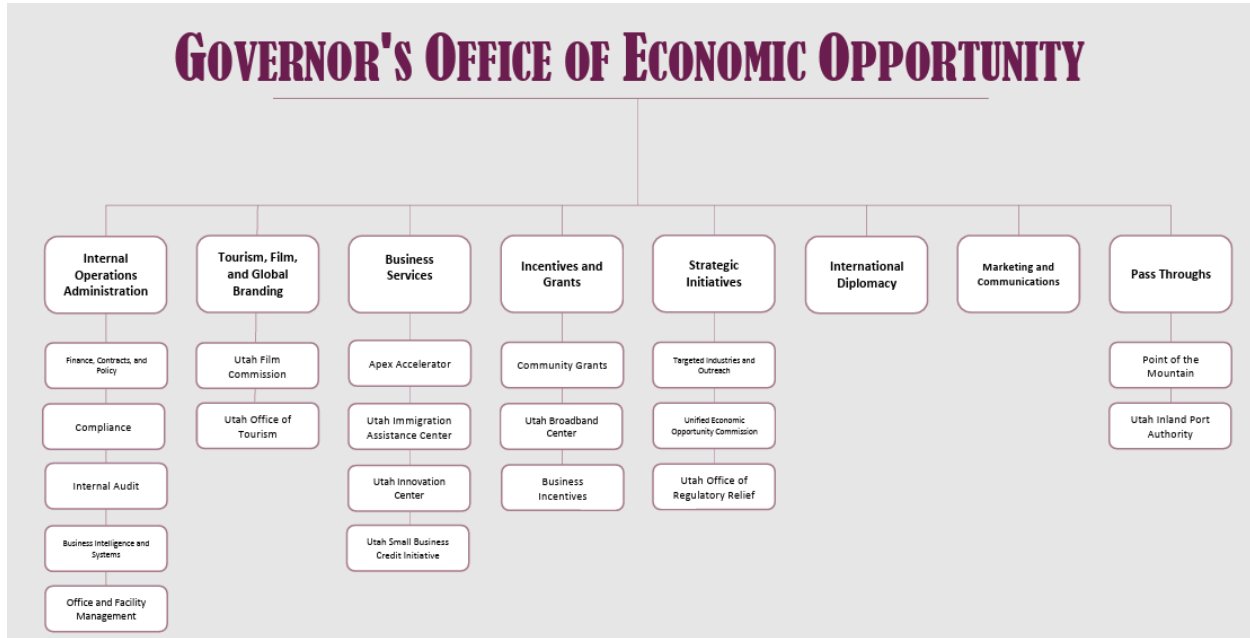
Commissioner: Casey Cameron

Legislative Contact: Kevin Burt, Deputy Commissioner



Title 63N: Utah Economic Opportunity Act

Governor’s Office of Economic Development



General Information

Website: <https://business.utah.gov/>

Important Documents: [2025 Annual Report](#)

Commissioner: Jeff Moss

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