



Adopted Study Item List

Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee | May 26, 2026

Item	Description
1 Governor's Office of Economic Development Review	Hear an update on the Governor's Office of Economic Development's (GOED) Strategic Framework execution and evaluate economic development-related programs across agencies and determine which, if any, programs are better suited for GOED. Review existing GOED programs, their effectiveness, and return on investment across all areas, including tourism and film.
2 Nucleus Institute	A presentation from the Nucleus Institute on innovations they are supporting in the education, workforce, and community ecosystems in Utah (including an update on the Innovation District at The Point).
3 Quantum Computing	Study the creation of a "Utah Quantum 2030" Task Force to support Utah's leadership in quantum innovation, secure data infrastructure, and commercialization by 2030. The task force would review a "Utah Quantum Roadmap" and provide recommendations.
4 State Location Privacy Act	There are constituent concerns with sensitive location data, such as someone attending a worship service or political rally, potentially being sold or otherwise used against them. This would examine the state of the law on the sale of location data collected via cell phone apps and whether the state should enact a "State Location Privacy Act."
5 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Review	Review Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the funds going to each of its four allowable uses. Study allowing the Department of Workforce Services to assign multiple allowable uses to each program under the same program contract. This will better inform the legislature on TANF uses.
6 Workforce Needs	Study Utah's workforce needs, what training programs exist to meet those needs, and what the near (3-5 years) future needs will be. Examine the roles of apprenticeships, workforce Pell, and AI training programs, as well as other workforce-related topics, to increase the number of skilled workers, enhance competitiveness, and meet the needs of public and private employers.
7 Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Policy	A study of existing policies around emerging technology and opportunities to address concerns. Emerging technology include artificial intelligence data centers.
8 Economic Development Authorities	Review economic development authorities such as MIDA, UIPA, Point of the Mountain, and other similar authorities. The reviews will examine their statutory purposes and if/how they are meeting their purpose.