

Office of the  
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## **FY 2002 Budget Recommendations**

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for  
Economic Development and Human Resources

Department of Community and Economic Development  
**Special Initiatives**

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## 1.0 Summary: Special Initiatives

This isn't a budget but an accounting of single item appropriation bills passed by the Legislature. These bills usually involve diverting funds to local projects and since this committee handles local government we get to track the projects. This year there is only one item.

### **Davis County Convention Center Update**

**Davis County Convention Center** (H.B. 28, Rep. Chard, 1988 session, \$500,000). The Legislature appropriated \$500,000 to DCED "for the construction of the Davis County Conference and Community Center." The contract let by DCED was a grant to Davis County of \$500,000 with \$450,000 up front "to construct" a new conference center with the remaining \$50,000 due at the project's completion.

During the 2000 General Session, the Subcommittee looked at all such projects and concluded that all current projects should be concluded by June 30, 2000. Because the Legislature acted, no contract extensions could be authorized and the appropriation lapsed.

Since the County did not construct the center, DCED has asked for the money back. The County argues that the contract was "for the accomplishment of the project" and that they have spent the funds in accordance with the provisions of the contract.

The Analyst recommends adding the following intent statement to the Department's Administration budget:

*The Legislature intends that the Department of Community and Economic Development collect \$450,000 advanced to Davis County for the construction of the Davis County Conference and Community Center, and that the Department retains those funds for reallocation by the Legislature.*

### **Historic Background**

The Legislature is trying to discourage single item appropriation bills and this committee is trying to ensure that the funds that are appropriated are spend as the Legislature intended. This is the second year that the Legislature has addressed the Davis County Convention Center. Other issues addressed last session were: Edge of the Cedars State Park, Promontory Rail Restoration, and SUU Shakespearean Festival Land Acquisition. The year before that there were fifteen different items.

## **4.0 Additional Information**