

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND WORKFORCE SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 110, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
January 10, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Jon Greiner, Co-Chairman
Rep. Michael Morley, Co-Chairman
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
Rep. Sylvia Andersen
Rep. Jim Dunnigan
Rep. Craig Frank
Rep. Lynn Hemingway
Rep. Mark Wheatley
Rep. Larry Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Mark Madsen
Sen. Ed Mayne

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary
Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of handouts and visitors lists will be filed with committee minutes.

Representative Morley called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Members of the committee and staff introduced themselves.

Rep. Morley discussed the role of the committee in determining the funding of the various departments under the committee's jurisdiction.

Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst, presented a brief overview of each agency under the jurisdiction of this committee. These agencies are: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Commerce, Financial Institutions, Insurance Department, Labor Commission, Public Service Commission and Workforce Services.

The analyst provided a copy of the Compendium of Budget Information for the 2007 General Session.

Department of Commerce

Francine Giani, Executive Director, assisted by Peter Anjewierden, Budget Officer, introduced other members of her staff present at the meeting. They are Derek Miller, Thad LeVar, Kathy Berg, Constance White, Wayne Klein, Kevin Olsen, and Michele Beck. David Stanley is the new Director of the Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Ms. Giani discussed personnel issues and efficiencies that had been implemented throughout the year.

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A handout was provided to committee members.

Peter Anjewierden, Derek Miller and Wayne Klein responded to questions of committee members.

Financial Institutions

Ed Leary, Commissioner of Financial Institutions, and Michael Jones, Chief Investigator and Budget Officer, discussed banking regulations in the state. A handout was provided to the committee. There was discussion regarding industrial banks who have moved their headquarters to Utah. Committee members expressed concern about pay day lenders.

Insurance

Kent Michie, Commissioner of Insurance, assisted by Neil Gooch, presented the department's agenda. Other individuals from their department were: Mickey Braun, Julie Olearain, Doyle Christensen, Tomi Ossana. A handout was provided to the committee.

Tomi Ossana, executive director of HIPUtah, provided the committee with a handout showing HIPUtah provided insurance for over 3,400 enrollees who are medically uninsurable.

Labor Commission

Sherrie Hayashie, Labor Commissioner, and Bobie Tupou, Financial Analyst, provided the committee with a handout explaining the Labor Commission 2007 efficiencies.

The commissioner was asked to provide data regarding the case load in the St George office.

Public Service Commission

The Fiscal Analyst explained that the Public Service Commission had not requested an increase in their budget for the 2007.

Workforce Services

Tani Downing, Executive Director, introduced her staff present at the meeting: Marvin Dodge, Mike Richardson, Greg Gardner, Chris Love and John Talcott.

Alcoholic Beverage Control

Ken Wynn, Executive Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control, introduced Larry Lunt and Leonard Langford, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. They reported on the results of the implementation of S.B. 58, Eliminate Alcohol Sales to Youth (E.A.S.Y.). A handout was provided with several documents supporting the initiative.

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Brian Rasmussen and Steven Wright from R & R Partners showed several short information clips produced for television that alert parents to the damaging effects of alcohol on the teen brain.

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Morley adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Session reconvened at 2:05 p.m. to travel to Workforce Services Call Center, 120 West Vine Street, Murray. A slide presentation was given by Steve Cuthbert and questions from the committee were answered. A tour of the call center with demonstrations of Electronic Document Imaging project. Members in attendance were : Sen. Greiner, Sen. Niederhauser, Rep. Morley, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Hemingway, Rep. Wheatley, Rep. Wiley. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Sen. Jon J. Greiner, Co-Chair

Rep. Michael T. Morley, Co-Chair