

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room C250 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaró, House Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Fred J. Fife  
Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher  
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan  
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Dan R. Eastman

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan and Rep. Fisher absent for the vote.

**2. Identity Theft**

Ms. Kristen Cox, Executive Director, DWS (Department of Workforce Services), distributed a handout "DWS I.D. Theft Incident Overview," and discussed the recent ID theft by a DWS employee and the assistance provided by the department to federal law enforcement agencies.

Rep. Mascaró asked DWS to report back to the Committee in 60 to 90 days with a follow-up on the identity theft incident along with recommendations DWS is considering to strengthen its internal security program.

Mr. Geoff Landward, Legal Counsel, DWS, commented on the specifics of background checks within DWS.

Mr. Richard Hamp, Assistant Attorney General, commended DWS for its handling of the employee identity theft situation and explained how the identity theft incident was discovered.

**3. Summary: Committee-related Legislation Passed in the 2008 General Session**

Mr. Wilson reviewed the committee-related legislation passed in the 2008 General Session that was distributed in the mailing packet.

Chair Madsen turned the chair over to Rep. Mascaró.

#### **4. Impact of Title 63 Recodification on Economic Development Statutes**

Mr. Hunsaker explained the new numbering system for economic development statutes in Title 63, Recodification on Economic Development.

#### **5. Agency Recommendations for Committee Study**

Chair Mascaro noted that agency heads from DWS, the Department of Community and Culture, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development will suggest recommended items for the Committee to study during the 2008 interim.

Mr. Hunsaker reviewed the master study items assigned to the Committee that were distributed in the mailing packet.

Chair Mascaro turned the chair back to Sen. Madsen.

Ms. Kristen Cox, Executive Director, DWS, distributed and reviewed a copy of five recommended items for the Committee to study during the 2008 interim.

Mr. Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture, discussed the mission and vision of the Department of Community and Culture.

Ms. Ally Isom, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Culture, reviewed four areas for suggested study by the Committee during the 2008 interim.

Mr. DePaulis noted that a copy of the recommended items will be provided to the Committee.

Mr. Gordon Walker, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, responded to a committee question regarding the numbers of children moving back into family homes.

Mr. Jason Perry Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, commented on the economic growth in Utah and reviewed four proposed items recommended from the Governor's Office of Economic Development for the Committee to study during the interim. Mr. Perry noted that a copy of proposed recommended study items will be provided to the Committee.

#### **6. Recommendations from Committee Members**

Committee members recommended items for study during the 2008 interim.

Rep. Fisher recommended amending Title 35A to remove authority for the Legislature to make FEP (Family Employment Program) cash assistance grant level changes and give that authority to DWS.

Rep. Herrod recommended studying identity theft issues, particularly those involving children's Social Security numbers, as discussed in the fall of 2006.

Ms. Karen Silver, Salt Lake Community Action Program, suggested two proposed study items for the Committee: 1) costs associated with the FEP lifetime limit, and 2) amending Title 35A to remove the authority for the Legislature to adjust FEP cash assistance grant levels and grant it to DWS.

Mr. Mark Lundgren, Project Director, Utah Resident Owned Communities, encouraged the Committee to study items #11, #222, and #223 from the master study list.

Ms. Heather Tritten, Executive Director, Utah Community Action Partnership Association, recommended the Committee receive a report on organizations that receive community services block grant monies, how they use the funds, and how they are impacting poverty in Utah.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to study the items that were requested by the department heads, Ms. Silver, Mr. Lundgren, Ms. Tritten, Rep. Herrod, Rep. Fisher and eliminate item 226 from the master study list and include those recommendations with the rest of the study items on the list. After committee discussion, Sen. Jones withdrew the motion.

The Committee reviewed items 219, 220, and 226 from the master study list.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to allow the committee chairs to prioritize the issues recommended for committee study during the 2008 interim, except for items 220 and 226 from the master study list. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

## **7. Other Business**

**MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved for staff to open a bill file reintroducing the Department of Community and Culture state-owned art inventory legislation that was considered in the 2008 General Session. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

## **8. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Mascaro moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.