

AGENDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 • 8:30 a.m. • Room 20 House Building

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2016, meeting

2. Utah International Relations and Trade Commission – Sunset Review – Draft Legislation

Two provisions of the Utah Code related to the Utah International Relations and Trade Commission will be repealed December 31, 2017, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The provisions are Title 36, Chapter 26, which establishes the commission and describes its duties, and Section 67-1-15, which requires the governor to consult with the commission prior to approving an international trade agreement. The committee will hear from a chair of the commission on these provisions and a recommendation on whether the provisions should be reauthorized.

- Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair, Utah International Relations and Trade Commission
- Committee discussion/action

3. Affordable Housing – Draft Legislation

The committee will hear a report from the Affordable Housing Task Force on its work during the interim period and on draft legislation that expands the low-income housing tax credit and introduces a new fund to increase housing options available to low-income individuals in the state.

- Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
- Committee discussion/action

4. Employment Security Act – Draft Legislation

The Employment Security Act includes a provision (35A-4-312(5)(p)) that gives the Department of Workforce Services authority to provide certain information regarding misclassified workers to the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor. This provision will be repealed July 1, 2017, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The committee previously heard a presentation from the division recommending an extension of the provision. The committee voted to open a bill file to make the recommended changes, which will be presented for committee consideration.

- Department of Workforce Services
- Committee discussion/action

5. Capital Facilities Revisions – Draft Legislation

The committee will hear a presentation on draft legislation that modifies how the Department of Heritage and Arts administers pass-through funding.

- Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
- Committee discussion/action

6. Economic Development Incentive Metrics

The committee will hear a presentation on proposed legislation that would require new economic development incentives to include a description of the metrics to be used to determine success in their statutory language.

- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Committee discussion/action

7. Targeted Business Tax Credit – Draft Legislation

The committee previously heard a presentation from the Governor's Office of Economic Development recommending changes to the targeted business tax credit to more effectively target businesses in small counties. The committee voted to open a bill file to make the recommended changes, which will be presented for committee consideration.

- Linda Gillmor, Director, Office of Rural Development, Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Committee discussion/action

8. Enterprise Zone Tax Credit

2016 General Session H.B. 31, "Enterprise Zone Amendments," adopted by the committee as a committee-recommended bill, modified the population requirements for designation as an enterprise zone and increased reporting requirements for credit recipients. The committee will hear a report on how these modifications have impacted the program this year.

- Rep. Scott D. Sandall
- Committee discussion/action

9. Performance Audit of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah

On October 18, 2015, the Legislative Auditor General released a Performance Audit of the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDC Utah), a contractor for the Governor's Office of Economic Development that receives 60 percent of its revenues from state and local taxpayer funds. The audit identified concerning issues in the EDC Utah's business purchases, gift giving, financial policies, and compliance with federal reporting requirements. The auditors will present their findings and recommendations, and a representative of EDC Utah will respond.

- Kade Minchey, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Economic Development Corporation of Utah
- Committee discussion/action

10. Tax Incentive Review

The committee will hear a report from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on its review of state tax incentives.

- Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
- Committee discussion/action

11. Other Committee Business/Adjourn