

Economic Development and Workforce Services

(Sen. Winterton and Rep. Handy)

Post-Pandemic Economic and Workforce Development. Study the workforce and economic development changes in the post-pandemic economy.

- What is the workforce needs and are there any trends?
- How can the state expand apprenticeship programs and get more businesses and schools to participate?
- How will rising inflation affect today and tomorrow's workforce?
- What are the implications if any for policy makers?
- What is the state's post-pandemic growth strategy?
 - Relevant 2022 GS bill: [SB 212](#)

University Tech Commercialization. Examine how universities in Utah can improve tech commercialization programs to be more efficient and effective.

Housing Affordability. Follow-up to previous housing affordability bills and opportunities for improvement. Relevant 2022 GS bill: [HB 462](#).

Aligning Economic Development Efforts Between the State and Cities. Review ways to work with local governments to set aside areas for economic growth. How do we encourage job centers to be established throughout the state, rather than concentrated in one or two areas?

Department of Workforce Services Programs. Review "poverty programs" based on data and evidence to determine a more effective and meaningful way to create self-sufficiency. The committee would invite the Department of Workforce Services to present on:

- Department ideas for the use of TANF to serve individuals on the Family Employment Program cash assistance benefit.
- The unwinding of federal pandemic stimulus benefits across DWS administered programs.
- Afghan refugee resettlement update.
- How counties can communicate to the Legislature what they need to address intergenerational poverty.