



**Unified Economic
Opportunity Commission**

UEOC August Meeting

August 30, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Capitol Room 445



UEOC 2023-24

April 12 – Select new topics, leadership, and membership for Working Groups & Subcommittees.

May 31 – Subcommittees & Working Groups present policy topics to be covered during the summer.

May-August 2023 – Subcommittees & Working Groups meet to develop policy and funding recommendations.



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August 30 – Working Groups present early-action items for UEOC consideration to forward to September Interim Committees and Governor’s Budget.

~~**September 27 – Working Groups present regular items for UEOC consideration to forward to October Interim Committees and Governor’s Budget.**~~

October 18 – Working Groups present remaining items for UEOC consideration to forward to November Interim Committees.

October-January 2023 – UEOC Staff works with Working Group leadership to prepare for 2024 Legislative Session.

January 10, 2024 – Final discussions and reports, Working Groups are disbanded. UEOC staff will work with legislators on commission recommendations.

Working Group on Growth & Transportation

Co-Chairs: Sen. Kirk Cullimore, Rep. Cal Musselman, & Carlos Braceras



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Transit & Transportation

- **Establish a program that assists local governments in pursuing grant opportunities such as electrification-related infrastructure grants**
 - e.g. “ETIF” administered by a state entity to support qualified applicants
- **Establish Transit Innovation Grants with one-time state funding to operate locally designed pilot programs to increase ridership**
 - Shuttles that provide first/last mile connections or park and ride services
 - Fare-based pass program for K-12 students or ticketed events (e.g. Eccles Theatre ticket would serve as a TRAX ticket)
 - Increased service (frequency) for transit hotspots
 - Enhance rural transit by providing funding for a Good Neighbor program

Growth & Infrastructure

Development Capacity Market Analysis: Support a comprehensive market analysis on likely and desired growth, capacity, and the rate at which the market will consume infrastructure investment. The study should:

- Provide insight into the type of product likely to be delivered so policymakers can determine where and to what extent greater densities should be supported, incentivized, and constructed.
- Compare current capacity with forecasted demand to inform updates to zoning, transportation planning, and/or water availability for adequate housing.

Growth Policy Alignment

Coordinating Growth Impacts: Encourage consideration of cross-issue growth impacts when making decisions with regard to funding, policy, and programs

Recommendation: A concurrent resolution to express the state's commitment to considering cross-issue impacts in program design and performance evaluation, such as:

“Therefore: The State of Utah and its offices and agencies are encouraged to include consideration of cross-issue growth impacts in state funding, policy, and program design, development and evaluation; and

Local governments, private sector entities, and community partners are encouraged to consider cross-issue growth impacts in decision-making processes.”

Growth Policy Alignment

Implementation of Existing Growth Policies: Allow time for implementation and evaluation of recently adopted growth alignment policies.

Recommendation to endorse the draft statement: *“Recently enacted state policies designed to mitigate the challenging impacts of Utah’s rapid population growth on housing, transportation, water, and quality of life are in the process of being implemented at the local level. These new or revised programs and policies are significant multi-year undertakings that involve partnership between state agencies, local governments, and the private sector.”*

“While recognizing the prerogative of legislators to propose statutory modifications, the UEOC generally recommends that these policies be given adequate time for implementation and evaluation in order to determine their effectiveness, prior to further significant modification.”

October Items

- Funding or financing structured parking in development “centers” to reduce surface parking, optimize long-term development potential, and facilitate a meaningful amount of housing units in the mixed-use “centers”
- Invest in more parks, open space, and public spaces within urban centers, growing communities, and rural areas that compliment higher intensity land use plans
- Transportation utility fees by local governments
- Offset costs borne by local governments of recreation users and tourist services
- Electrification infrastructure incentives

Working Group on Water, Energy, & Natural Resources

Co-Chairs: Sen. Scott Sandall, Rep. Casey Snider, Joel Ferry



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Water Infrastructure

- Facilitate a firm handoff to Utah Water Ways, empowering them to educate Utahns on water and the need for conservation
- Increase K-12 students' understanding of water in Utah
 - Direct Utah Water Ways and State School Board to develop teacher resources and materials about Utah's water systems, water conservation, water pollution, agricultural water, etc.
- Create a 20-year water roadmap
 - Includes all water infrastructure (drinking water, agriculture, stormwater, and wastewater treatment)

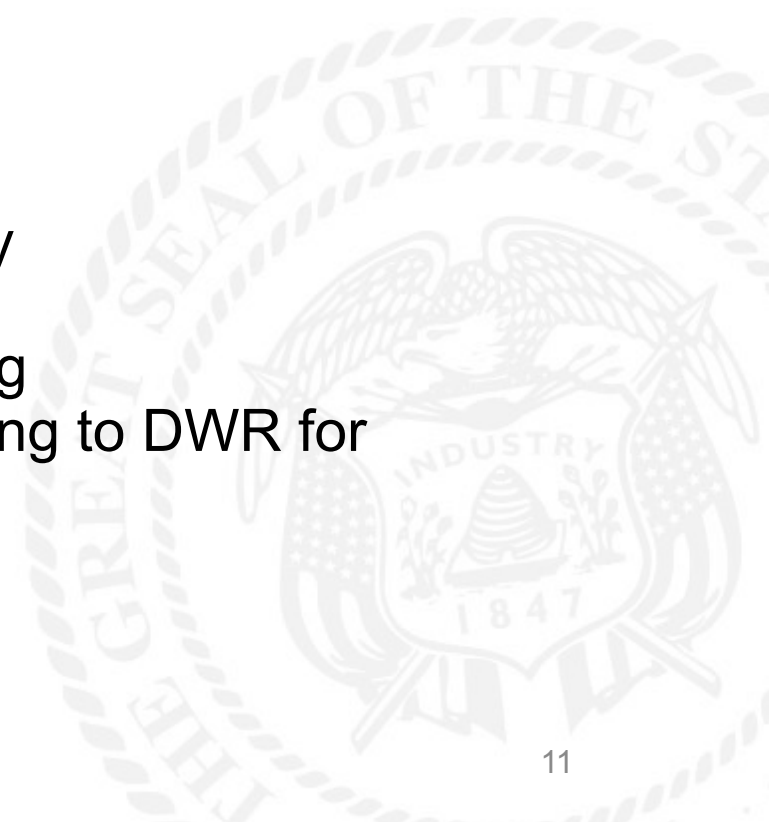
Water Savings

Recommendation:

- Support Division of Water Resources' building block for a comprehensive water planning process

Legislation:

- Saved Water Statute
 - Modify statute (73-3-30) to make “saved water” permanent
- Define “water accounting” and provide rulemaking authority
- Allow temporarily fallowed land to remain Greenbelt
- Modify state water statute to require telemetry and metering
 - Recommend an additional \$500,000 in ongoing funding to DWR for increased telemetry efforts



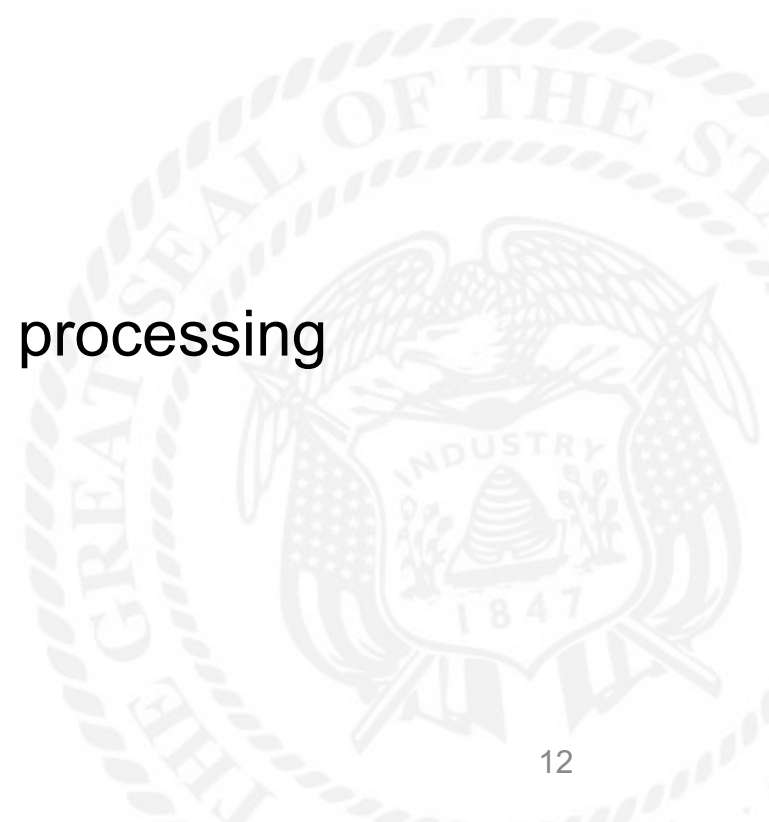
Energy Transition

Current Recommendations:

- Support the San Rafael Energy Research Center building block
- Support litigation and pre-litigation efforts

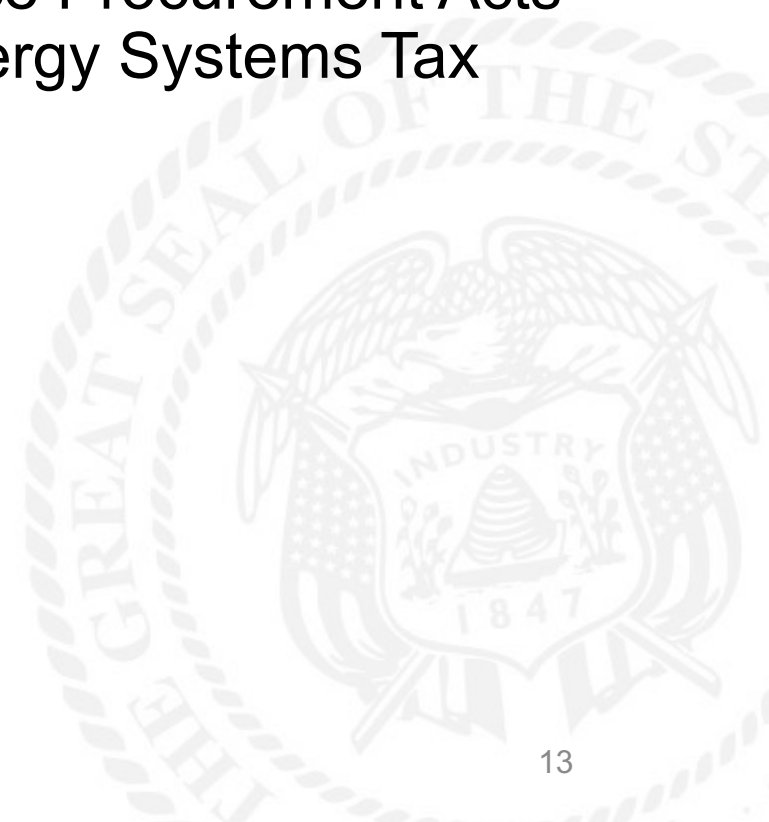
October Items:

- Enhance asset mapping for geological survey
- Create an incentive for critical minerals extraction and processing



Nuclear Energy Development

- Update “renewable energy” to “clean” in statute
- Value nuclear and pumped storage hydropower as clean in the Community Renewable Energy & the Energy Resource Procurement Acts
- Allow nuclear energy to be eligible for Renewable Energy Systems Tax Credits



Subcommittee on Housing Affordability

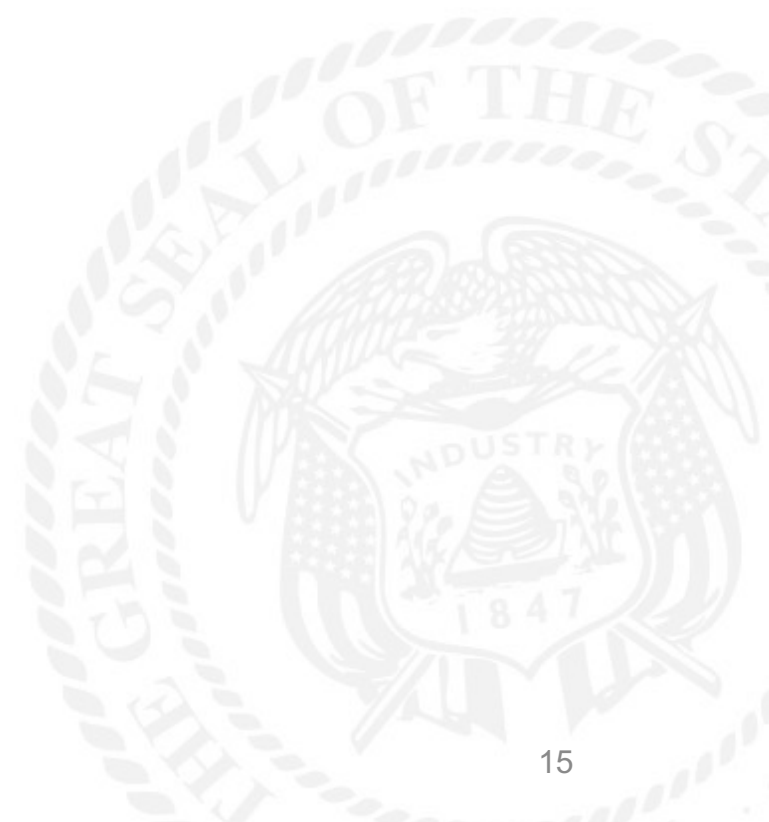
Co-Chairs: Sen. Lincoln Fillmore & Rep. Stephen Whyte



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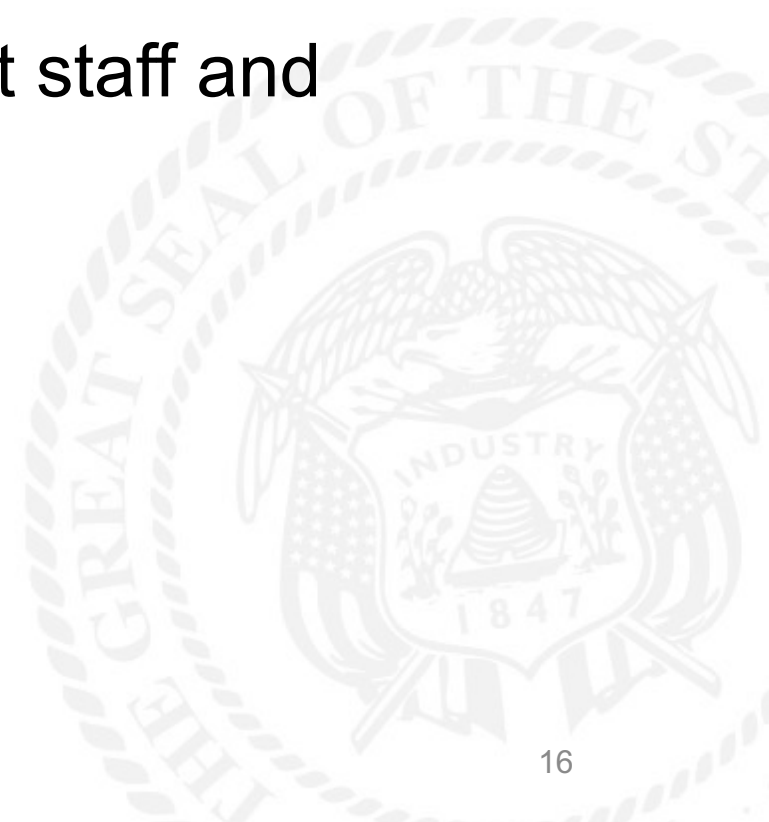
Data

- Database on Moderate and Affordable Housing needs, supply, and demand
- Inventory of existing programs and policies
- “For Sale” product
- Housing Authority data



Funding

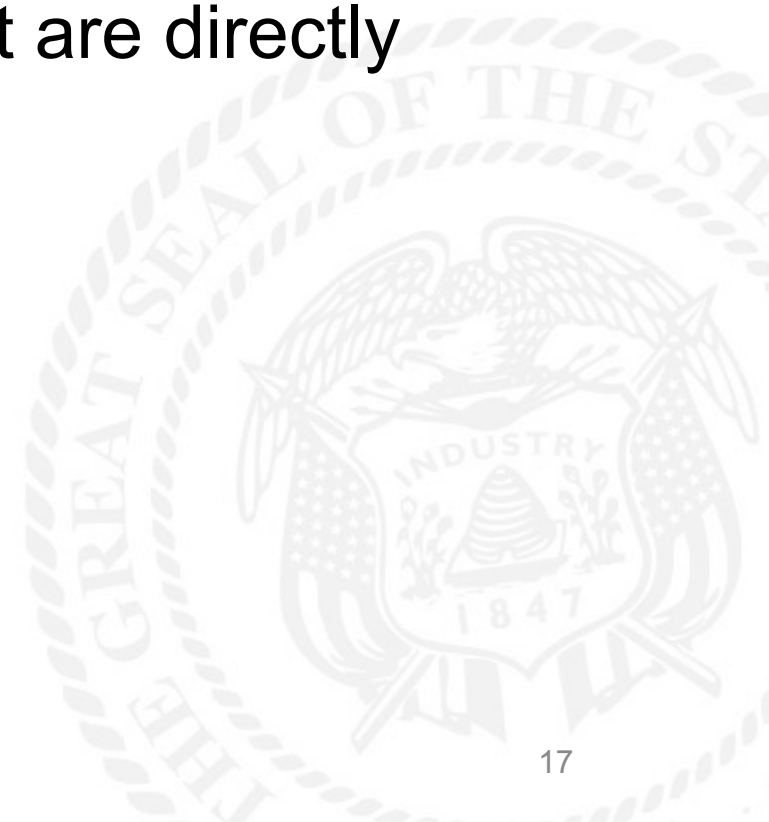
- Utah Housing Preservation Fund
- Office of Homeless Services
- Olene Walker GAP financing
- Housing and Community Development support staff and administrative overhead



Policy

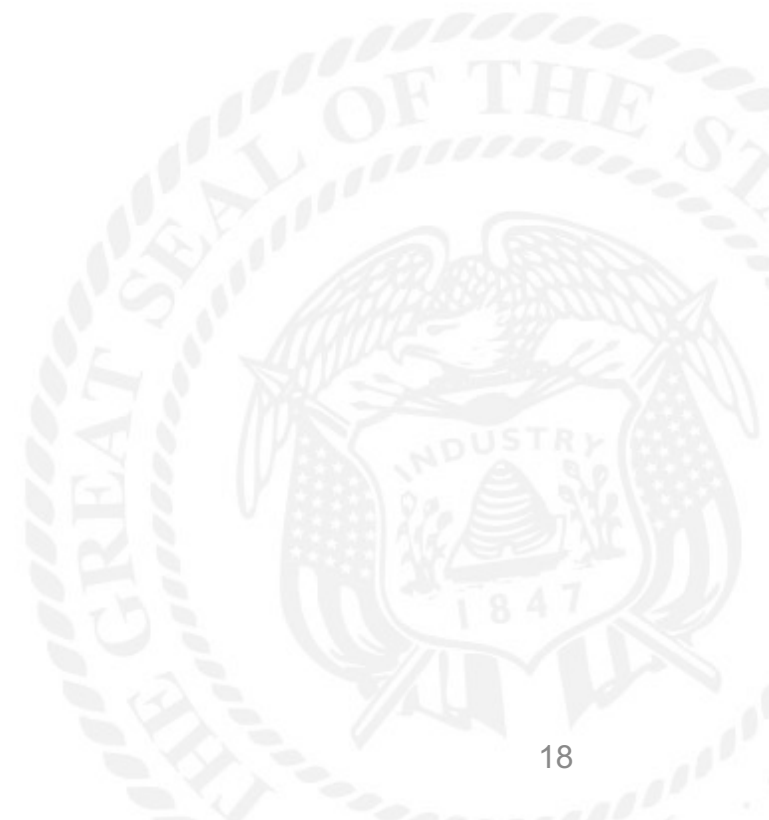
Policy questions:

1. Will the policy result in more housing units that are directly affordable to the buyer or renter?
2. Will the policy result in more homeownership?



Policy

- Off-site construction
- Setbacks
- Parking
- Minimum base densities
- General plans
- Damages

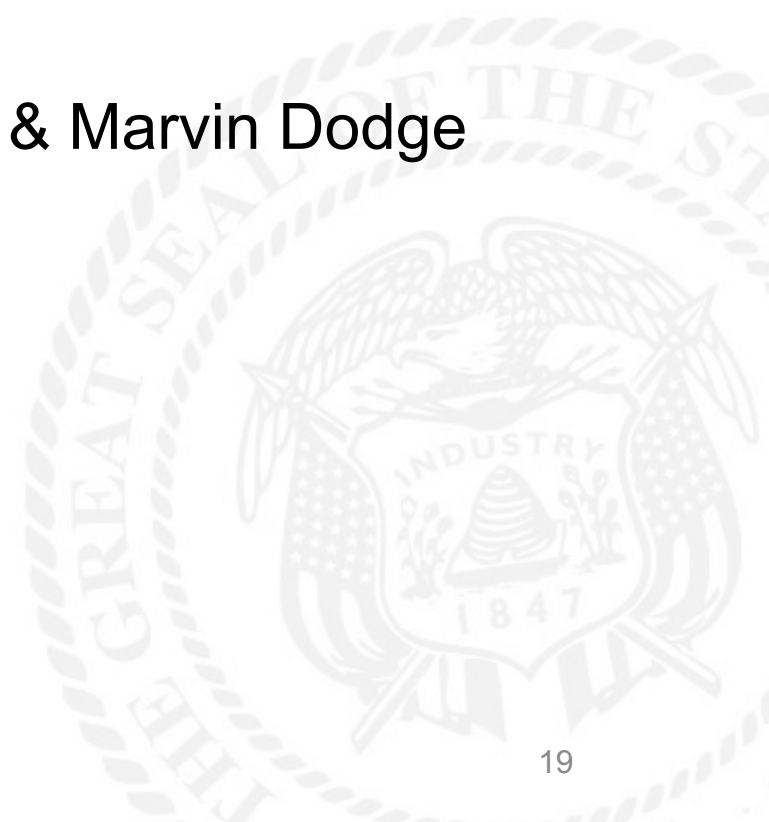


Working Group on Government Efficiency

Co-Chairs: Sen. Evan Vickers, Rep. Robert Spendlove, & Marvin Dodge



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Automate Manual Processes

Recommendation: Require PTIF account tax distribution

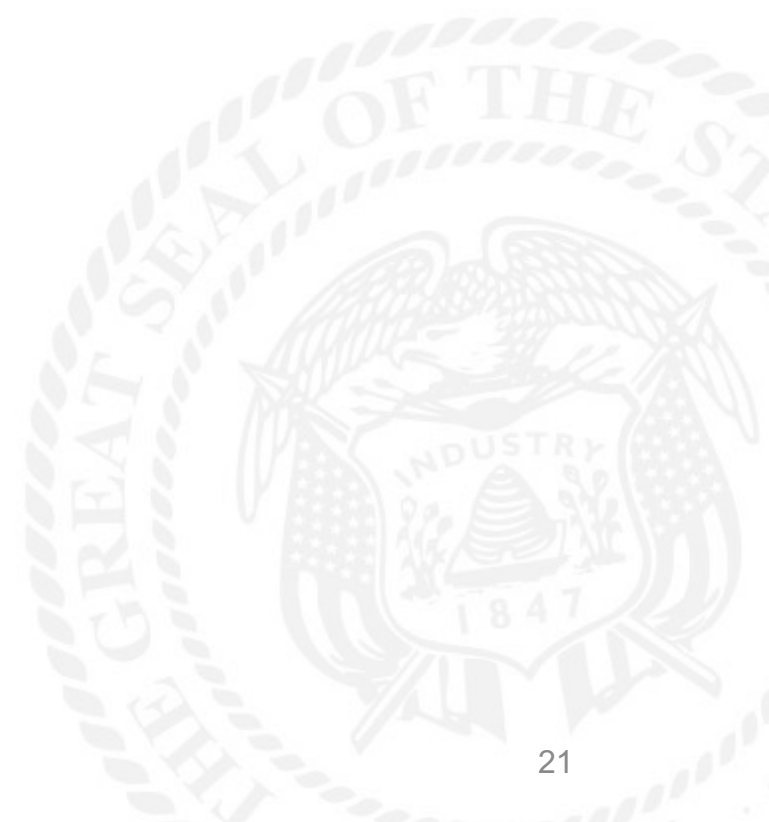
Disadvantages of writing checks for tax distribution:

- Checks are slow, labor intensive, and costly
 - Those written for small amounts can cost more than the amount collected
- Increased fraud risk
- Delayed interest earnings
- Often go uncashed

Automate Manual Processes

Advantages of Using A PTIF for Tax Distribution:

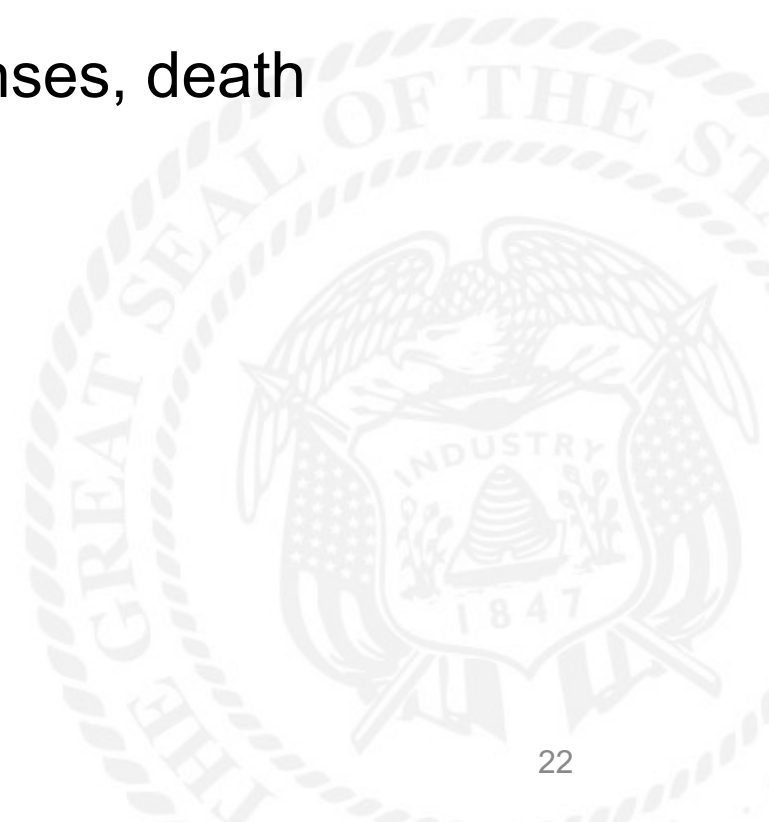
- Immediate deposit which is secure
- Earns interest on day one (Current PTIF rate 5.17%)
- More efficient process
 - One file upload vs. multiple checks
- Second validity of public entity
 - State Treasurer review of PTIF application
- Funds are liquid and easy to move to bank account
- No outstanding checks to track



Automate Manual Processes & Shared Services

Recommendation: Create a one-stop shop for requesting licenses

- One place where residents can request marriage licenses, death certificates, and birth certificates
- Oversight remains at the county level
- Storage feature where residents can keep their data



Multicounty Appraisal Trust (MCAT) Projects

Recommendation: Support additional automation through the MCAT system

- Automate property characteristic review
- Automate commercial valuation service for most rural counties
- Centralize Treasurer's System



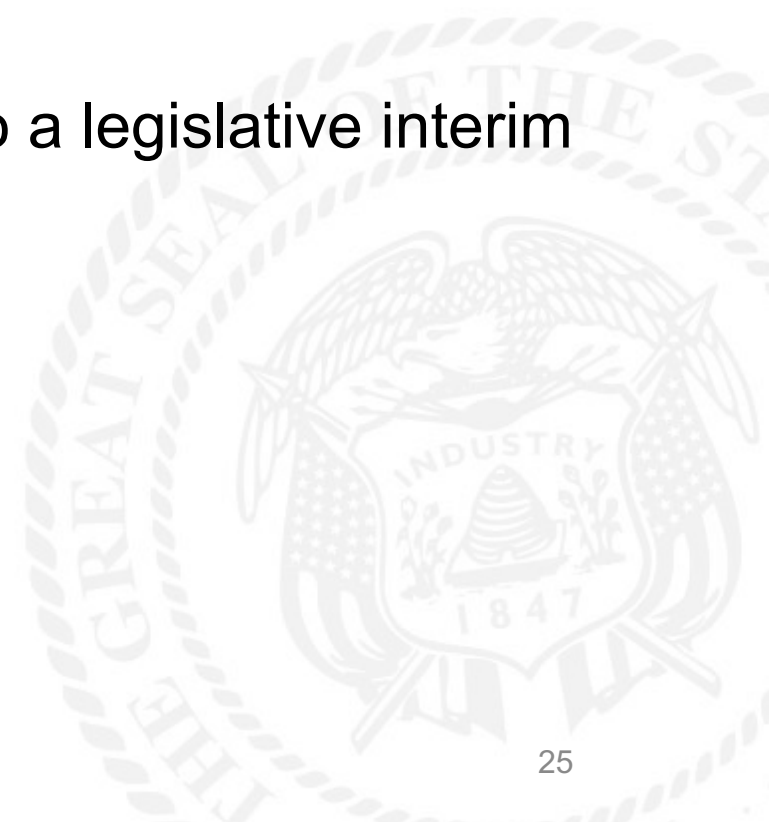
Boards & Commissions Restructure

- Scope defined on creation
- Length of existence known upfront; automatically repealed
- Naming convention for all advisory entities:
 - Board: Long-term purpose
 - Commission: Short-term purpose
- All boards and commissions tied to a Legislative Interim Committee
- Board and commission hibernation: Shelve to keep entity alive but only staff fully when needed
 - Costs to create and to repeal are both high

Boards & Commissions Restructure

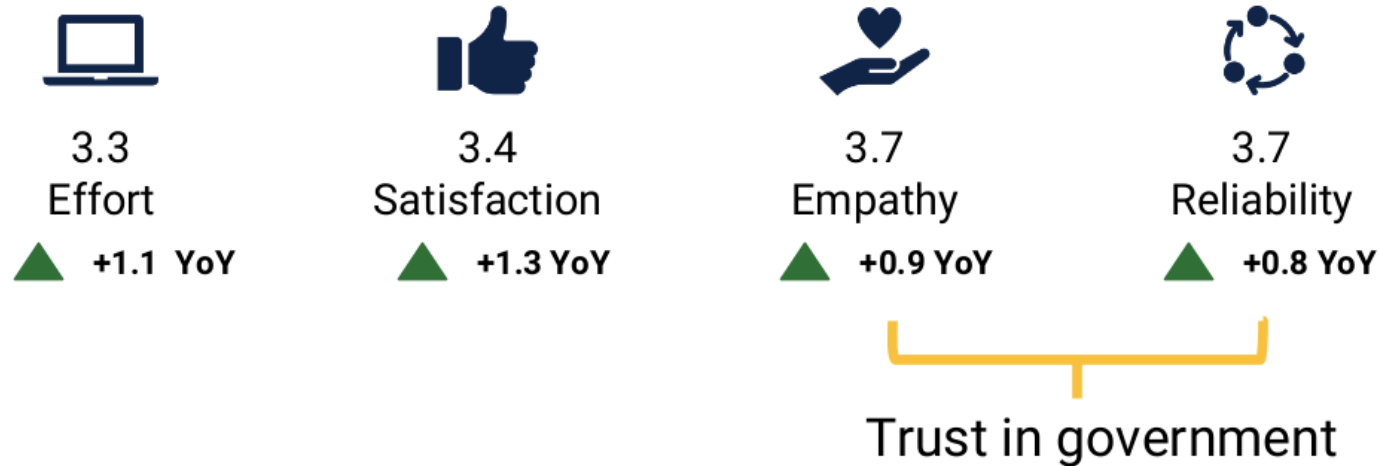
Analysis for Creation:

- Will output be politically supported?
- Is the question ripe?
- How much staff time is needed to support the board?
- Could an ad hoc process fulfill the need that reports to a legislative interim committee?



Customer Service Initiative

Performance measures (5-point scale)



Recommendation:
Support request
for additional one-
time funding for FY
2024-2025.

% of respondents unable to complete their task has
decreased by 15 percentage points year over year

Working Group on Technology, Innovation, & Investment

Co-Chairs: Rep. Jefferson Moss, Sen. Chris Wilson, & Ryan Starks



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Foreign Credentialing

Background: Five Commerce-regulated professions (Medical and Osteopathic Physicians, Engineers, Architect, Psychology, Social Work) continue to experience significant barriers to entry.

DOPL has fielded nearly 3,000 requests from internationally trained applicants since the bill signing ceremony for SB35 in April. Approximately 25% of those are professionals currently located in Utah. Of those located in Utah, over half have experience in Utah's top 20 in-demand fields.

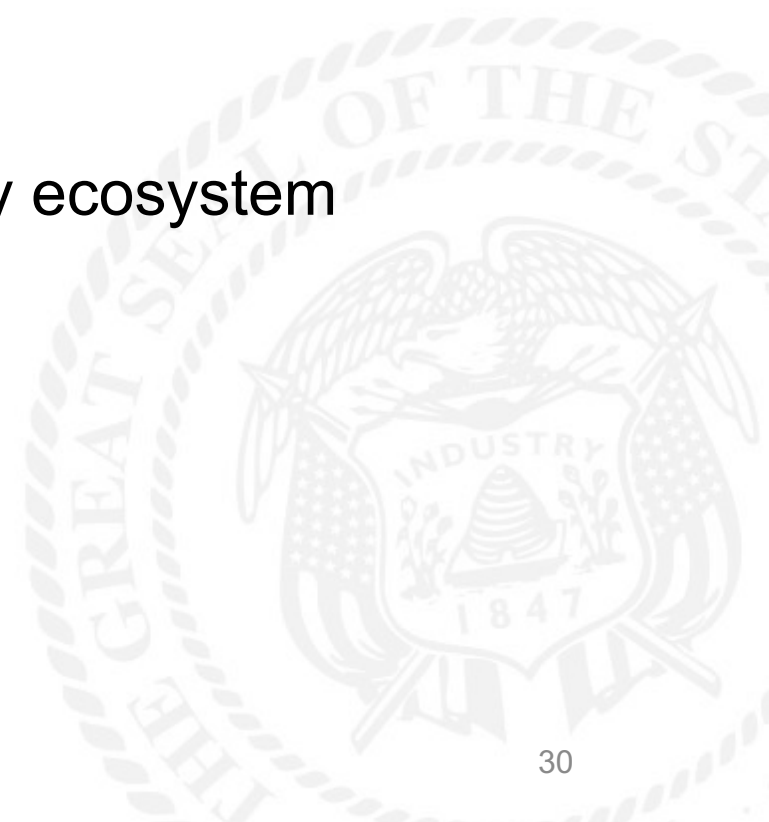
Foreign Credentialing

Recommendation: Streamline the process for applicants that are already licensed in other jurisdictions to obtain licensure in Utah.

- Increase DOPL's ability to accept alternative yet substantially similar qualifications.
- Address individual chapters that are geographically restricted (U.S. or U.S./Canada only), allowing DOPL to evaluate jurisdictions that align with Utah scope of practice and qualification requirements
- Create clear authority to evaluate license classifications to better match Utah licensing
 - i.e. an un-equivalent dentist may qualify as a dental hygienist.
- Clarify authority for bridge programs that allow an individual who is lacking in certain equivalency areas to “make up the difference” without the need to start over.

October Items

- Support funding for the following initiatives:
 - Manufacturing Modernization Grant
 - R&D tax credit
 - Deep Tech Initiative
 - Innovation Lab
- Innovation and immigration projects
- Market assessment of innovation districts and industry ecosystem underway
 - No statutory changes or funding needed
- Data privacy and AI will be ready in October
- Business data: Table for a future year



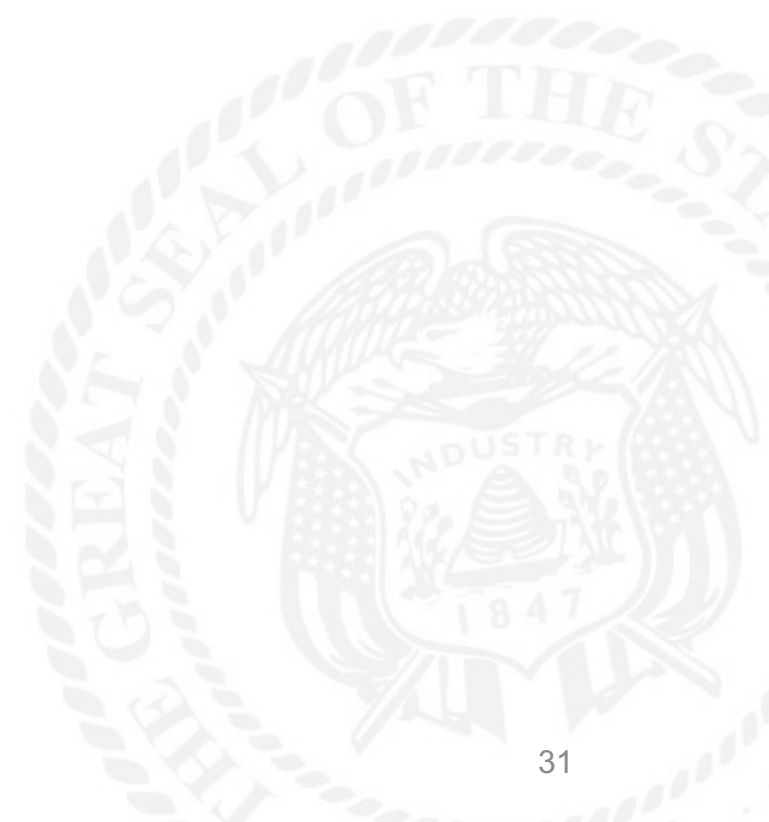
Talent, Education, & Industry Alignment Subcommittee

Chair: Sen. Ann Millner

Staff: Vic Hockett



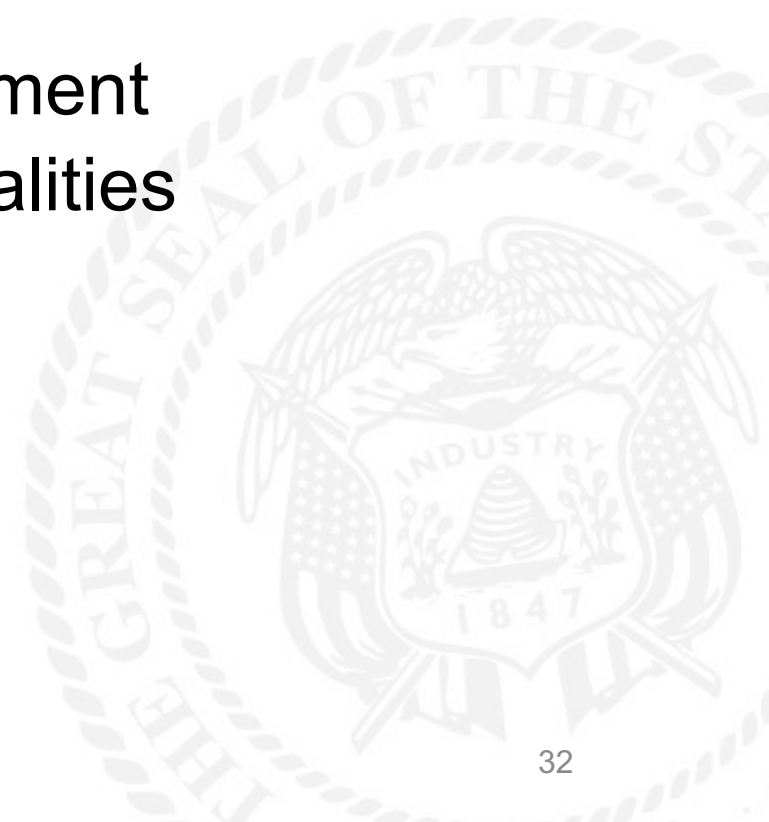
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Talent, Education, & Industry Alignment Subcommittee

Subcommittee Priorities:

- Generative AI
- Life Sciences Targeted Workforce Development
- Cybersecurity – Expansion & Training modalities
- Behavioral Health



Subcommittee Approach

Convene, Collect, Act

Convene - Numerous Work Group & Individual Meetings

Industry, Government, Education, Associations

Collect – Industry, DWS Workforce Projection, & USHE Data

Industry feedback, 10-year projections, Enrollments & Completions

Act – Current funding streams & initiatives

Address Gaps w/ Current Funding & Identify Existing Gaps

Subcommittee Work

Generative & Predictive AI

- K12 Pilot Roll-Out
- TRU Investments - \$2,396,138 (Deep Tech)

Life Sciences

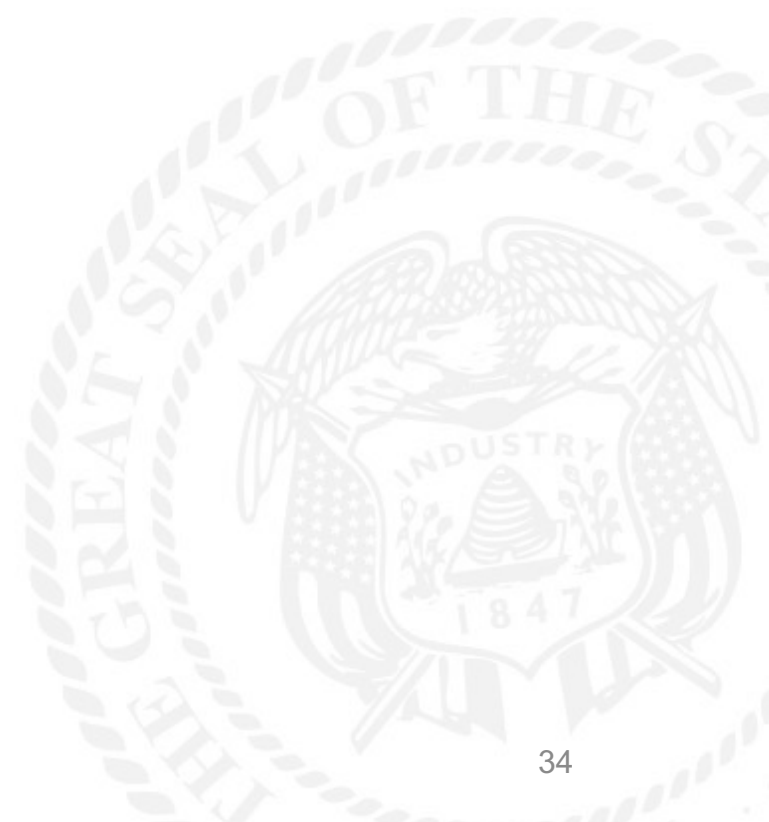
- TRU & Stem AC Received \$1M Grant from BioMade / DoD
- TRU Investments - \$3,200,666 (Deep Tech & Utah Works)

Cyber Security

- TRU Investments \$3,624,775 (Deep Tech & Apprenticeships)
- TRU Investments \$1,330,648 (Certificates & Degrees)

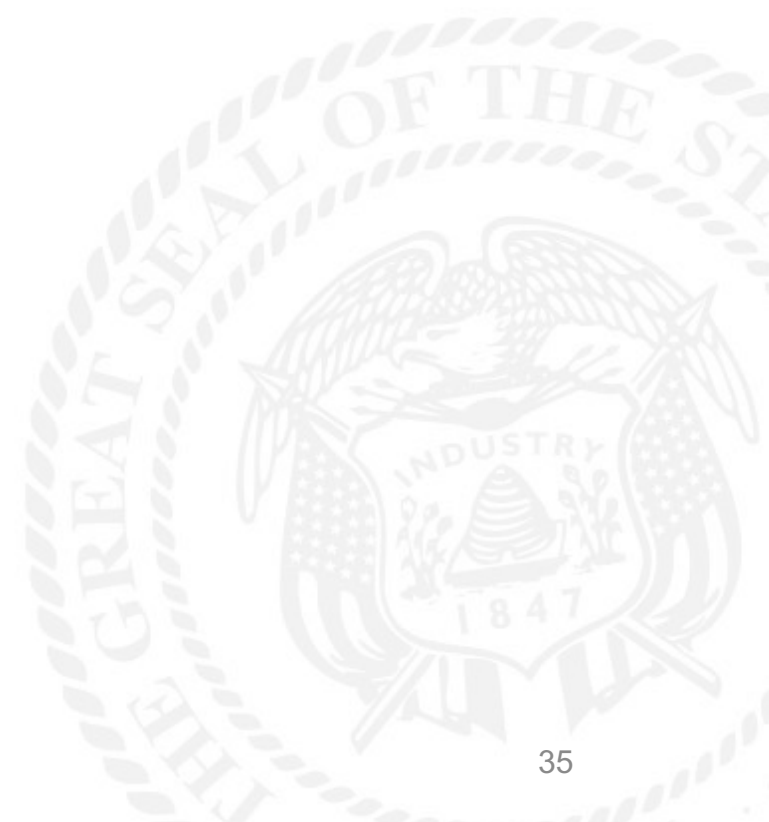
Behavioral Health Technician

- \$800,000 (4 Institutions Launching New Program)



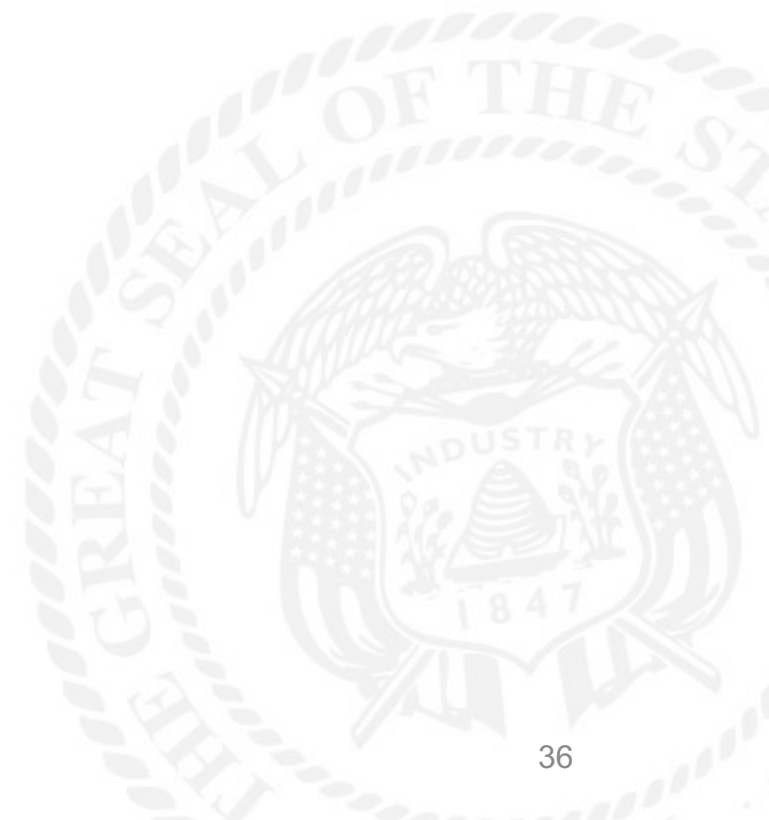
Gaps and themes from hundreds of industry engagements

- More Skills-Based Curriculum
- Expansion of Youth Apprenticeships
- More Work-Based Learning Integration
- Capacity Constraints w/In-Demand Programs
- Resources for Creation and/or Expansion



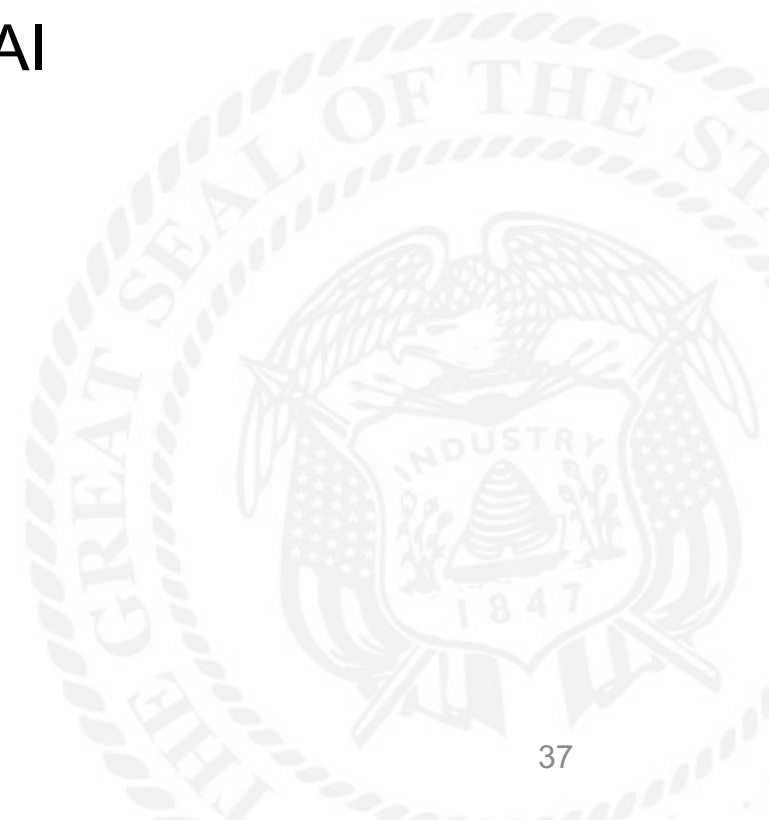
Developing Policy Proposals

- State Youth Apprenticeship Governance Structure
- NGA – Youth Apprenticeship Policy Academy
- TRU, USBE, Melisa Starks, Brittney Cummins



Developing RFAs

- Life Sciences Workforce Development
- Talent Ready Connections Program
- Computer Science for All – Generative & Predictive AI
- Behavioral Health Expansions

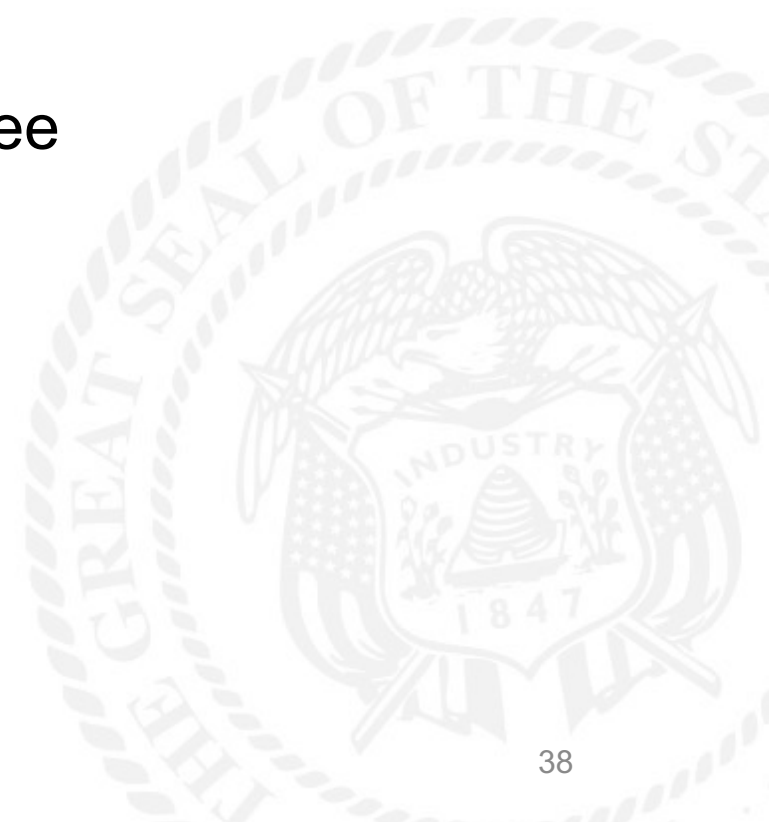


Women in the Economy Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Sen. Luz Escamilla & Rep. Karianne Lisonbee



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Women in the Economy

- Roundtable discussion with business leaders from the 100 Businesses Championing Women luncheon
 - Access to affordable childcare
 - Flexible location and hours
 - Benefits for part-time positions
- Coordination with stakeholders and issue experts on childcare
- Early stages of Childcare Solutions & Workforce Productivity Plan implementation



Suggested Motion:

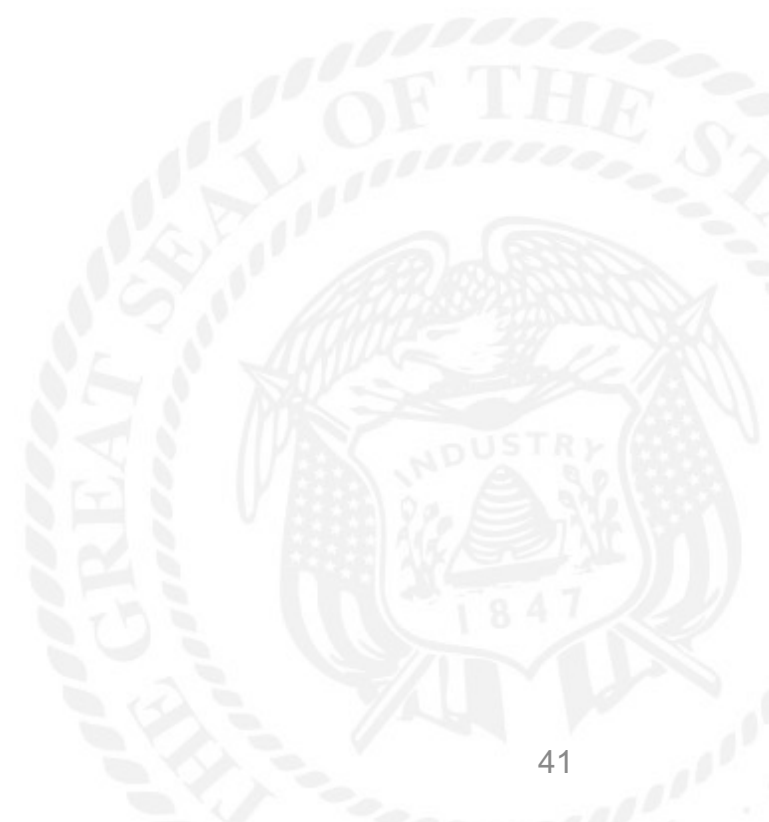
“I move to support the recommendations of the UEOC Subcommittees and Working Groups as presented and send them to interim legislative committees for consideration and action.”

Approval of Minutes

refer to draft minutes

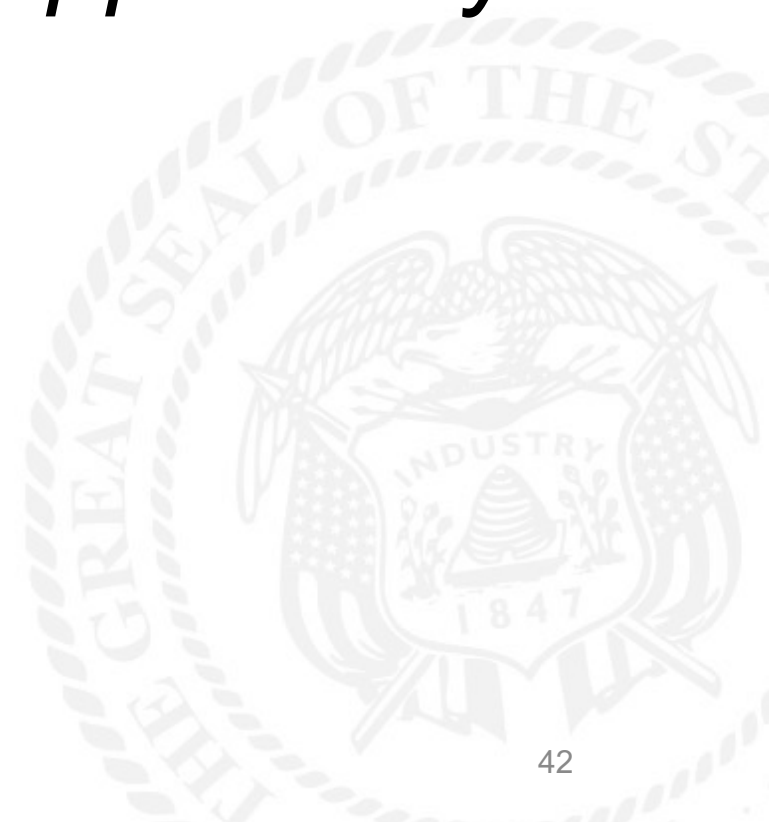


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Suggested Motion:

“I move to approve the May 31, 2023 meeting minutes of the Unified Economic Opportunity Commission.”



Concluding Remarks

Governor Cox, President Adams, Speaker Wilson



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