Women in the Economy Commission Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday January 27, 2021 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

ZOOM

Commission: Sen. Luz Escamilla, Melissa Freigang, Anne Marie Wallace, Sarah Brenna, Jennifer

Robinson, Karen Leonardi, Rep. Elizabeth Weight, Judy Barnett

Excused: Sen. Ann Milner, Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Staff Support: Dee MacLee

Guests: Rep. Ashlee Matthews, Rep Sen. Todd Weiler. Jennifer Daily-Provost, Sen. Todd Weiler

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
Welcome	Co-Chair, Senator Escamilla welcomed everyone to the meeting,	
	Senator Escamilla asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 24, 2020. They were approved unanimously.	Motion passed unanimously for past minutes.
Rep Sen. Todd Weiler	SB 67 – Workplace Violence Mitigation. If threat or comments about "going home to get my gun" no effective way to get a protective order against the employee. Passed out the committee anonymously. Ann Marie asked how it relates to women in the economy – domestic violence prevention.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
	Not numbered. Family Leave Amendments. For state employees – defunded due to COVID – 3 weeks of paid maternal leave-	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
Senator Kitchen	SB 128 – Family Planning Services Amendments. This bill was run last year. Requires Medicaid to apply for a	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.

	waiver or a state plan amendment to extend family planning services to individuals at 250% poverty or below.	
Rep. Ashlee Matthews	HB277. Child Care Eligibility Amendments. Working with Office of Childcare. Expand the number of income eligible income children for subsidized child care. Maintains level of funding for changes made during COVID19 over past 10 months. This is being proposed as pilot. Talked to Tracy and Rebecca and Voices for Utah Children.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
Jennifer Daily-Provost	Not numbered. Digital Opportunity Access Amendments. Presented last year – endorsed by WIEC commission but died on last day.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
	HB 120 – Utah unemployment insurance code allows small employers (under 4 people) to opt out. Want to require small employers to notify their potential employees of this. DWS would send out notification of requirement to employers. No fiscal note.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
Sen. Luz Escamilla	SB 19 – Expanded Infertility Treatment Coverage Pilot. Mirrors adoption coverage. Bill removes cap to allow multiple procedures \$4,000 to adopt.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
	SB 41 – Mental Health Access Amendments. She stated that there has been an increase in mental health issues during Covid-19. Requires health plans to cover telehealth mental health services.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
Rep. Elizabeth Weight (For Rep. Karen Kwan)	HB 31 – Unaccompanied Minors in Autonomous Vehicles. What happens when individuals use autonomous vehicles to transport children in	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.

	vehicles? Creates a workgroup to study.	
Sen. Luz Escamilla (For Senator Jami Iwamoto)	SB 64 – Domestic Violence Amendments. Modifies the circumstances under which the penalty for certain DV offense may be enhanced and provides that an adjudication in juvenile court is not a conviction for purposes of penalty enhancements	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
Sen. Luz Escamilla (For Senator Jami Iwamoto)	SB 10 – Place Name Amendments. Authorizes the Division of Indian Affairs to help facilitate the application process for changing location names referring to American Indian terms.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
	Rep. Acton, Rep. Johnson and Rep. Bower were not available to present to the commission. Rep. Escamilla made a motion to ask them to send a brief explanation of the Bills they are backing via email for the commission to do an electronic vote.	Commission voted to "agree in concept" this legislation. Motion passed.
	Commission Barnett stated that there are many more Bills that the commission should look into. Rep. Weight agreed with Commissioner Barnett.	
	Rep. Weight will share with the Representatives a brief form with the information of Bills.	
Future meetings	Next meeting Tuesday March 23, 2021 from 12-2 pm via ZOOM	
	Motion to Adjourn.	Motion passed unanimously.