

Oregon Employment Department Advisory Council – Legislative Session Debrief Meeting							
Date/time:		March 18, 2022 1-2 p.m.					
Location:		Zoom platform					
Attendees:		A = Absent P = Present					
P	Paloma Sparks	P	Tom Cusack	A	Marc Chrismer	P	David Gerstenfeld
A	Haley Alves	A	Kenechi Onyeagusi	A	Royce Williams	P	Rebecca Nance
A	Kurtis Baker	A	Catie Theisen	P	Anne Friend	P	David Genz
A	Robert Camarillo	P	Laurie Westenberg	P	Jeannine Beatrice		

MINUTES - APPROVED

	Topic	Notes	Presenter
1.	Welcome & self introductions of Council members & staff	Catie called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Council members and OED staff introduced themselves.	Paloma Sparks
2.	Legislative Update re: Short Session	<p>Rebecca reviewed the list of bills</p> <p>House Bill (HB) 4002 (tax credit for agriculture employers), is perhaps the most contentious bill this session. It is waiting for the Governor's Signature. Expect further legislation on this subject during the 2023 session. Originally OED was part of the bill and was then removed during an amendment due to the major impact to the Modernization effort, and PFLMI program implementation.</p> <p>HB 4157 was originally a study on the UI Trust Fund, and became the vehicle for the original HB 4001 concept. It directs the Department of Revenue to establish and administer program to provide one-time assistance payments to low-income households to address negative economic impacts of COVID-19 public health emergency. Is waiting for Governor's Signature.</p> <p>Senate Bill (SB) 1514, Temporarily modifies definition of "compensation," for purposes of pay equity requirements, to exclude hiring bonuses and retention bonuses.</p> <p>SB 1515, PFMLI Benefit Year Definition, has been signed by the Governor.</p>	Rebecca Nance and David Genz

		<p>SB 1545, Governor’s Future Ready Oregon, incorporates Prosperity 10,000 bill. Waiting for Governor’s Signature.</p> <p>SB 1560, Updating terminology from “Alien” to “noncitizen” for state law. This is on the list to be done through a statutory minor correction process that Anne Friend will do in capacity as agency rules coordinator.</p> <p>The session was successful and the next steps are planning for the 2023 session. We will have up to four legislative concepts.</p> <p>Agency draft Legislative Concepts will be presented at the next quarterly meeting.</p> <p><u>David Genz:</u> SB 1585, worked closely with partner agencies to enable Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to validate employment records. Facilitated with an interagency agreement. DCBS already has some limited access to the OED mainframe, these limits will be extended.</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Federal Budget Bill for the UI and Wagner-Peyser Grant for funding the programs. There were minor changes to the funding. Have been operating with continuing resolutions and now that the budget has passed, more planning can be done.</p> <p>Tom Cusack– Asked about American Rescue funds and if the department accessed them to use for UI benefits. Other states are using them to augment their UI trust funds, however, in Oregon this was not the case. Other agencies were able to use some of the money to put worker protections in place during the pandemic; OED did not need money for the UI Trust fund. The Oregon UI Trust Fund is solvent.</p>	
3.	Adjourn	2:24 p.m.	

ACTION ITEMS

Action	Assigned	Date Due	Completed
Rebecca Nance to send out a summary of the update she presented.	Rebecca	ASAP	3/18/2022

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Action	Assigned	Date Due	Completed
None			