

PROPOSED MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
December 30, 2022

Members participating:

Speaker Ron Ryckman, Chairperson  
President Ty Masterson, Vice Chairperson  
Representative Dan Hawkins, Majority Leader  
Representative Blaine Finch, Speaker Pro Tem  
Representative Tom Sawyer, Minority Leader  
Senator Rick Wilborn, Vice President  
Senator Larry Alley, Majority Leader  
Senator Dinah Sykes, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ron Ryckman at 10:00 a.m. in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Ryckman provided background information on the transfer of certain coronavirus relief funds from the Legislative Employment Security Fund to the Employment Security Fund of the Department of Labor by action of the LCC. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. J.G. Scott, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who stated that after an audit conducted pursuant to the direction of the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council, the Director of the Budget certified \$357,900,000 identified as improper payments from the Employment Security Fund. The amount of \$250,000,000 of federal coronavirus relief aid has already been transferred to the Employment Security Fund. Mr. Scott presented the recommendation of the Legislative Budget Committee to transfer \$107,900,000 from the Legislative Employment Security Fund to the Employment Security Fund of the Department of Labor. Since the amount of \$250,000,000 was appropriated to the Legislative Employment Security Fund, this would leave \$142,100,00 in the fund which could only be expended by an act of the Legislature. The council recommended leaving \$20,000,000 in the Legislative Employment Security Fund. Representative Dan Hawkins moved to authorize the transfer of \$107,900,000 as recommended by the Legislative Budget Committee. Representative Tom Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Mr. Scott who presented a request from the Secretary of Labor to extend the deadline for completion of the new unemployment information technology system from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2024. The LCC is authorized by law to move the original deadline to another date as deemed appropriate. Chairperson Ryckman recognized Representative Sean Tarwater, Chairperson of the Unemployment Compensation Improvement Council. Representative Tarwater recommended an extension of the deadline to a date before the date recommended by the secretary and encourage the LCC to facilitate the receipt of required progress reports from the Department of Labor that have not been received by the Council. Representative Hawkins moved to grant a six-month extension on the completion deadline of the new unemployment technology system with the expectation that progress reports will be

received by the department. The motion is seconded from Representative Sawyer. The motion carried.

Upon completion of all business before the LCC, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by  
Gordon L. Self  
Revisor of Statutes  
as Secretary

Approved by

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Speaker Ron Ryckman  
Chairperson