

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
FY 2009-10 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Monday, November 24, 2008
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

1:30-1:50 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

1:50-2:20 QUESTIONS COMMON TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

1. What are your department's three top goals for the current year? How will they be achieved?
2. How do your requested decision items tie to your goals?
3. Could your department shift to a four day work week that begins on Wednesday and ends on Saturday? If not, why not? If only a portion of the department can go to a four day week, what portion can and what portion cannot and why?
4. Has your department been able to fill new or vacant positions? Can your department quantify the benefits it has seen as a result of adding additional FTE or filling vacant positions?
5. What is the status of your department's implementation of S.B.08-155, Centralize IT Management in OIT? Is your department experiencing any difficulties?

2:20-2:30 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INTERNET SELF SERVICE (DECISION ITEM #1)

6. How did the Department calculate the \$45 million in estimated cost avoidance? How does the Department define cost avoidance? Please provide some examples of cost avoidance. Will the Committee see a line in the budget with a corresponding funding reduction due to Internet Self Service?
7. Could the 2.5 FTE for Internet Self Service be contracted instead of permanent FTE? Please provide justification why permanent FTE are needed, and the benefits associated with having permanent FTE.

2:30-2:40 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

8. Is the Department aware of any attempts by Congress to add money into states' Unemployment Insurance Trust Funds in order to buffer the states against increased claims due to the weak economy?
9. When someone uses the Colorado Automated Payment card are they charged a service fee by their bank? If so, what is the fee and how does it work? Has the Department received any complaints about this fee when using the debit card? If so, how many?

10. What is the status of savings due to using the Colorado Automated Payment card? Where are the savings reflected in the budget?
11. Does the Department have a plan if the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund goes negative? If so, please describe. If not, why not?

2:40-3:00 DIVISION OF OIL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

12. Why is the Division of Oil and Public Safety within the Department of Labor and Employment and not in another Department?
13. How is the Department treating the 90 jurisdictions that have not responded to the department about their intent to sign, or not sign the memorandum of agreement (MOA)? What happens to the Department if jurisdictions do not sign the MOA?
14. How many FTE will the Department need if no more jurisdictions sign the MOA? What will the FTE's responsibilities be with regard to conveyances?
15. Please outline what day to day actions would be required by the Division if a jurisdiction does not sign the MOA. Will site reviews be included in these actions? Will there be follow up reviews to the initial site review?
16. Is there a concern about old historic building conveyances being out of compliance with safety code because of the amount of work and money required to bring old conveyances up to code? If so, why? If not, why not? Are there other concerns about old building conveyances? If so, what are they?
17. What does the Department recommend as a solution to jurisdictions not signing the MOA?
18. Do jurisdictions have their own inspectors or do they hire private inspectors? Are there jurisdictions that have inspectors that have not signed the MOA? If so, which ones? Is there an insufficient number of inspectors because there are not enough conveyances?
19. How does a new building get their certificate of occupancy if the local jurisdiction does not sign the MOA?
20. Is Denver Regional Council of Governments a jurisdiction? Please define what a jurisdiction is, and provide examples.