

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5007

Employment Department

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 5007 is the budget bill for the Employment Department.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$4.6 billion total funds, including \$502 million Other Funds, \$3.9 billion nonlimited Other Funds, \$192.3 million Federal Funds, \$43.4 million nonlimited Federal Funds, and 1,937 positions (1,921.37 FTE). This is less than a one percent increase from the current service level.

The recommended budget includes:

- \$15.4 million to modernize IT systems used for labor exchange and case management functions.
- \$21.8 million and 10 positions for the Unemployment and Paid Leave systems.
- \$5.3 million and 11 positions for employment services that are provided on a fee for service basis.
- \$3.7 million and 17 positions to process claim determinations and improve customer service.

The budget eliminates \$27.4 million and 90 positions previously supported from the Trade Adjustment Act, which was not reauthorized by Congress.

A new key performance measure measuring the timeliness of paid leave eligibility determinations was approved by the Subcommittee.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 5007 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.