

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 11, 2025  
03:00 PM

Hearing Room H-174

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Aaron Woods, Co-Chair  
Sen. Mark Meek  
Sen. Bruce Starr

Rep. David Gomberg, Co-Chair  
Rep. Jami Cate  
Rep. Daniel Nguyen  
Rep. Alek Skarlatos  
Rep. Mari Watanabe

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Jade Briski, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:**

Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

**00:00:19**      [Meeting Called to Order](#)  
**00:00:20**      Senator Woods, Presiding Co-Chair  
**00:00:40**      Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office  
  
**00:01:08**      [HB 5007 Employment Department](#)  
**00:01:31**      David Gerstenfeld, Director, Employment Department  
**00:01:45**      Lindsay Leahy, Division Director, Unemployment Insurance, Employment  
Department  
**00:08:15**      Co-Chair Woods  
**00:08:30**      Ms. Leahy  
**00:09:31**      Co-Chair Woods  
**00:09:34**      Ms. Leahy  
**00:10:15**      Co-Chair Woods  
**00:10:19**      Ms. Leahy  
**00:10:39**      Mr. Gerstenfeld  
**00:11:09**      Ms. Leahy  
**00:14:11**      Co-Chair Woods  
**00:14:13**      Ms. Leahy  
**00:16:45**      Co-Chair Gomberg

00:17:23 Rep. Nguyen  
00:17:49 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
00:18:29 Rep. Nguyen  
00:18:48 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
00:18:54 Rep. Watanabe  
00:19:04 Ms. Leahy  
00:20:16 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
00:20:30 Karen Madden Humelbaugh, Director, Paid Leave, Employment Department  
00:22:52 Sen. Meek  
00:23:31 Ms. Humelbaugh  
00:24:28 Co-Chair Gomberg  
00:25:04 Ms. Humelbaugh  
00:31:10 Rep. Cate  
00:31:20 Ms. Humelbaugh  
00:31:38 Co-Chair Gomberg  
00:31:50 Ms. Humelbaugh  
00:35:09 Nathan Stevens, Division Director, Contributions and Recovery, Employment  
Department  
00:41:19 Rep. Cate  
00:41:45 Mr. Stevens  
00:42:51 Rep. Nguyen  
00:43:13 Mr. Stevens  
00:43:30 Rep. Cate  
00:44:00 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
00:45:51 Rep. Cate  
00:46:10 Mr. Stevens  
00:49:26 Co-Chair Gomberg  
00:50:15 Mr. Stevens  
00:51:00 Co-Chair Gomberg  
00:51:18 Mr. Stevens  
00:51:29 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
00:52:56 Co-Chair Gomberg  
00:53:32 Rep. Skarlatos  
00:54:04 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
00:55:57 Rebecca Craven, Modernization Director, Employment Department  
00:57:38 Co-Chair Woods  
00:58:12 Ms. Craven  
00:58:37 Co-Chair Woods  
00:58:41 Ms. Craven  
01:00:18 Co-Chair Woods  
01:00:29 Ms. Craven  
01:03:50 Co-Chair Woods  
01:03:59 Ms. Craven  
01:04:16 Mr. Gerstenfeld

01:04:48 Ms. Craven  
01:05:23 Co-Chair Woods  
01:06:32 Robert Uhlenkott, Division Director, Workforce and Economic Research,  
Employment Department  
01:15:08 Rep. Cate  
01:15:38 Mr. Uhlenkott  
01:16:08 Sen. Meek  
01:16:38 Mr. Uhlenkott  
01:17:32 Co-Chair Woods  
01:18:22 Mr. Uhlenkott  
01:19:15 Co-Chair Woods  
01:19:25 Sen. Meek  
01:20:50 Mr. Gerstenfeld  
01:21:53 Mr. Uhlenkott  
01:22:36 Co-Chair Woods  
01:23:12 Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office  
01:23:45 Co-Chair Gombert  
01:24:16 Ms. Deister  
01:24:44 Sen. Meek  
01:25:30 Co-Chair Woods  
  
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