

Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy

Oversight of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Sacramento, California 9:00 a.m. to Noon

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

This year marks the fifth year since codification of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) through the enactment of AB 29 (John A. Pérez) Chapter 475, Statutes of 2011, and three years since the implementation of the Governor's Reorganization Plan 2, which added substantial new duties.

In today's hearing, the Members of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy (JEDE) will be examining the operations and outcomes of GO-Biz in order to ensure alignment of policy priorities, funding, and statutory direction. This hearing is a follow-up to the Committee's more general program and policy reviews last year (February and March of 2015) and its review of the methods for evaluating economic development activities on March 1, 2016.

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Statements

Chair and members of the JEDE Committee will give opening statements and frame the key issues to be examined during the hearing.

II. Opening of the Program Review

Panorea Avdis, Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

III. Small Business Assistance including the Office of the Small Business Advocate and Small Business Finance Center

The Agenda Item will begin with a short presentation on small business related programs, services, and initiatives, followed by a discussion between the Members of the JEDE Committee, GO-Biz, and stakeholder groups.

IV. International Trade and Foreign Investment

The Agenda Item will begin with a short presentation on foreign trade and investment related programs, services, and initiatives, followed by a discussion between the Members of the JEDE Committee, GO-Biz, and stakeholder groups.

V. Direct Business Assistance Programs including the Office of Innovation, Office of Permit Assistance, California Business Investment Services, and California Competes Tax Credit

The Agenda Item will begin with a short presentation on business development related programs, services, and initiatives, followed by a discussion between the Members of the JEDE Committee, GO-Biz, and stakeholder groups.

VI. Public Comment

Anyone interested in addressing the Committee may sign up to speak during the public comment period. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the hearing room. Written comments may also be submitted to the JEDE Committee Office.

VII. Closing Remarks

Assembly Members will make closing remarks and offer recommendations for further actions.