

## Keep Washington Working Work Group Meeting

February 26, 2021 | 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Online Meeting Only via Zoom

### Attendees:

**Work Group Members:** Paul Benz, Tim Warden-Hertz, Karen Lewis, Victoria Mena, Monserrat Padilla, Kristin Kershaw Snapp, Rich Stolz, Keelcy Perez Woolley

**Commerce Staff:** Tammy Deets, meeting facilitator  
Rick Anderson, policy advisor

**Governor's Office:** Alejandro Sanchez, Special Assistant to the Governor

### Meeting Notes

#### Review & Update

- In reference to RCW 43.330.510, Tammy reminded workgroup members that the terms of the members must be staggered. It is important to know everyone's plan to ensure smooth transition from year to year.
- The RCW also stipulated that members must represent diverse interests, groups, populations, and geographies. Tammy has created a spreadsheet to track these requirements. Rich and Kristin will reach out to all members to verify their plan in regards to term of service and areas of interest.
- Rick Anderson provided a brief summary of legislative bills related to immigrants/immigration in Olympia. Alejandro mentioned three additional bills related to immigrants. See attached list for more details.

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#### 2021 Agenda

- Build on the contents created in the 2020 Legislative Report and organize the work group accordingly.
- Three high level topics are agreed:
  - Small Businesses & Independent Contractors
  - Workforce Strategies & rural strategy
  - Legalization program (national level) – how can WA state be prepare for the opportunity and be the steward of equity.
- Other topics include:
  - Undocumented workers – what does returning to work means?
  - Basic monthly income
  - Income gap regarding the 180 days waiting period at the border
- Members are also interested to know more about the status of Broad Band implementation, COVID vaccine plan, Child Care program, Workforce Development program, etc... Tammy will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair before each meeting to secure a speaker on the topic.

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#### Next Steps

- Work group will focus on the three topics: small business/independent contractors, workforce – urban & rural strategies, and legalization program.
- Rich & Kristin will contact work group members and identify a lead person for each focus group.
- Work Group will meet once a month for the next three months to decide on the priorities within each area.
- The next three meeting dates are March 26, April 30, and May 28.