

# JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT EQUITY

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## AGENDA

September 21, 2005  
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

House Hearing Room A  
Olympia, Washington

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*Chairing: Representative Steve Conway*

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Review and Approval of Task Force Procedures  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Revised Workplan (canary)</i></li></ul>   |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Briefing by the Employment Security Department on Macro Data for Washington's Unemployment Insurance System <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karen Lee, Commissioner</li><li>• Judy Johnson, UI Program Legislative Services</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Macro UI Data Information Handout</i></li></ul>                                 |
| 10:15 a.m. | Public comment  |  |
| 10:30 a.m. | Briefing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparison of Washington's and Selected States' UI Tax Rates</li><li>• Comparison of Washington's and Selected States' UI Benefit Systems</li><li>• Review of Other States' UI Systems as Models</li><li>• Dr. Wayne Vroman, The Urban Institute</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Dr. Vroman's Resume (buff)</i></li><li>• <i>Dr. Vroman's Handouts</i></li></ul> |
| 12:00 p.m. | <i>Lunch break</i>  |  |
| 12:30 p.m. | Briefing by Dr. Vroman (continued)  |  |

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### Task Force Members:

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles  
Senator Linda Evans Parlette  
Representative Steve Conway  
Representative Cary Condotta

Bruce Beckett  
Chris Cheney  
Annette Copeland  
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David Johnson  
Jeff Johnson  
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- 1:30 p.m. Discussion of Options to Address Task Force Objectives Based on Other States' UI Systems
- 2:00 p.m. Discussion of Economic Modeling Data Requests
- Verification by Dr. Vroman
  - Proposed Assumptions
- *Assumptions Handout (pink)*
- 2:15 p.m. Public comment/next meeting