

COMMUNITY AND WORKER ECONOMIC TRANSITION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 232 of 2023

***** 408.917.new THIS NEW SECTION IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 *****

408.917.new Community and worker economic transition office; appointment office director; powers and duties; annual written report.

Sec. 7. (1) The community and worker economic transition office is created in the department.

(2) The department director shall appoint the office director. The office director shall manage the operations of the office.

(3) The office shall do all of the following:

(a) Support and participate in interdepartmental coordination on efforts essential to the office's mission as defined by the office director.

(b) Advance and support existing initiatives that align with the office's mission, including, but not limited to, the energy transition impact project established under Executive Directive No. 2020-10.

(c) Partner with workers, local communities, employers, and labor organizations to ensure the voices of the impacted are involved in decision making and undertake stakeholder outreach with workers, local communities, employers, and labor organizations to do all of the following:

(i) Align and target local, state, and federal programming and establish additional programming to support the office's mission.

(ii) Propose and implement plans for different sectors of the economy that align with the office's mission.

(iii) Assist in the development, and monitor the implementation, of state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and budgets relating to the office's mission.

(iv) As issues emerge, recommend changes in state and federal law, rules, regulations, policies, guidelines, practices, procedures, and budgets relating to the office's mission.

(d) Work with the public and private sector to undertake or participate in conferences, inquiries, meetings, or studies that may support the office's mission.

(e) Publicize the activities of the office, as appropriate.

(f) Develop a community and worker economic transition plan as described in section 9. The office may create an advisory committee to assist with the development of the transition plan. If an advisory committee is formed under this subdivision, the advisory committee must include individuals from transition communities, transition-impacted industries, and labor organizations.

(g) Evaluate the outcomes of the transition plan for transition workers and transition communities, including evaluating the quality of replacement jobs, to better allocate wages, benefits, and tax base replacement.

(h) Identify funds to support transition activities for transition workers, transition communities, and transition-impacted industries. The office must consider all of the following sources of funds:

(i) Existing state programs that can be utilized to support transition workers, transition communities, and transition-impacted industries, or that can be more closely aligned with transition needs.

(ii) New state funds that might need to be developed to address transition activities not addressed by existing programs.

(iii) Federal grants, loans, or other funding that can be used to support transition workers, transition communities, and transition-impacted industries.

(iv) Private funds, including funds from foundations or for-profit entities.

(i) Other duties as assigned by the office director that are related to the office's mission.

(4) In addition to any other funds appropriated for the office, private funds received by the department for the office are appropriated and may be expended for the creation, implementation, and administration of the office and its activities.

(5) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of this act, the office director shall annually submit a written report to the legislature that includes all of the following:

(a) Information regarding the utilization of transition activities.

(b) A description of transition-impacted industries, transition communities, and transition workers.

(c) An evaluation of the transition plan, including, but not limited to, the outcomes of the transition plan.

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