

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 24: Employment Department Unemployment Insurance Accessibility**

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To:           Ways and Means Full Committee  
From:        Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier:      Representative Gomberg

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$4,562,000 to promote equitable access to unemployment compensation programs.

If awarded, the Employment Department will utilize funds to conduct outreach, and identify and remove barriers to unemployment compensation access in historically underserved communities. The grant will help to fund program information in languages other than English, one-on-one application and service assistance, and analysis of demographic data. Providing information in languages other than English may allow for more self-service, which could reduce delays or backlogs in processing future claims.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.