

Workforce Investment Board

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The purpose of the Federal Workforce Investment Act (1998), as stated in 29 U.S.C. 2811, *et seq.*, is to "provide workforce investment activities . . . that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by participants, and, as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the Nation." The Act further states that the "Governor of a State shall establish a State workforce investment board to assist in the development of the State plan" and to carry out other functions.

The State Workforce Investment Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor on workforce investment issues and provides broad oversight to Montana's two local Workforce Investment Boards. The State Board conducts much of its work through committees and has established the following committees for the 2009-10 interim: Apprenticeship Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Career Clusters and Big Sky Pathways Committee, Incumbent and New Worker Training Committee, Workforce Investment Act Committee, and the Youth Council. The Board is staffed from the Commissioner's Office of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry.

Membership

The Board must include:

- the Governor or the Governor's designee;
- two members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, and two members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the presiding officer of each respective chamber; and
- individuals appointed by the Governor, including:
 - ▶ representatives of businesses located in Montana who are owners of businesses, chief executive or operating officers, and other business

executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, including business members of local boards, and represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities in Montana;

- ▶ chief elected officials of local government;
- ▶ representatives of labor organizations;
- ▶ representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience with respect to youth activities;
- ▶ representatives of individuals and organizations who have experience and expertise in the delivery of workforce investment activities;
- ▶ representatives of the state agencies who are responsible for the programs and activities that are carried out by the one-stop centers, including but not limited to the Montana Department of Labor and Industry; the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services; the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education; and the Office of Public Instruction;
- ▶ at least one representative of military veterans; and
- ▶ other representatives who the Governor may designate.

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