NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Employment Trends from the COVID-19 Pandemic

PURPOSE: To examine employment trends in New York State caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Monday
November 15, 2021
10:00 AM

Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12248

The purpose of the hearing is to examine employment trends that have emerged as a result of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic and to discuss their impact on the workforce, including women in the workforce. Following record-high unemployment rates across the country, including in New York State, many displaced workers have found themselves seeking different types or modes of work, or even leaving the workforce entirely, which has led to labor shortages in some industries such as retail and hospitality. The pandemic has also created additional challenges for women in the workforce, as they are often the family member leading child care and other household responsibilities.

The Committees are seeking to receive information from relevant stakeholders regarding the impact of these employment trends on the workforce in New York State, including the effect on women’s employment and gender equity in the workplace, and the types of services and programs that are needed to help connect workers with job opportunities to meet labor market demands.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form no later than November 12th, 2021. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes’ duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten (10) copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committees’ interest in hearing testimony from all sources.
In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, reasonable accommodations will be provided, upon advance request, to afford such individuals access to Assembly facilities and to participate in the hearing.

This will be an in-person hearing. Masks may be required depending on policies governing access to the Legislative Office Building on November 15th, 2021.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on Employment Trends from the COVID-19 Pandemic are requested to complete this reply form no later than November 12th, 2021 and mail, email or fax it to:

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☐ I plan to attend the following public hearing on Employment Trends from the COVID-19 Pandemic to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Labor, the Task Force on Women’s Issues, and the Subcommittee on Emerging Workforce on November 15th, 2021.

☐ I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to five (5) minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide ten (10) copies of my prepared statement.

☐ I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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☐ I do not plan to attend the above hearing.

☐ I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.

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☐ I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. Please specify the type of assistance required:

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