

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *January 27, 2025*

Location: *RM 22*

Convened: *11:00 AM*

Adjourned: *11:50 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Dickey-VC, Dotzler-RM, Quirmbach, Sires

Absent:

Excused:

Chair Senator Lofgren called the meeting to order at 11:00. The clerk took the roll silently. The minutes from the last meeting on February 5, 2024, were approved as distributed. Senator Lofgren welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the members of the committee as well as the members from the audience introduce themselves. He then introduced the first presenter, Evan Johnson, Fiscal Legislative Analyst for LSA, who presented the Department requests as well as the Governor's recommendations for the 2026 budget. Senator Lofgren then introduced Denise Bulat, Executive Director Bi-State Regional Commission, Nichole Moore, Executive Director Chariton Valley Regional Planning Commission, and Rachelle Howe, Executive Director Upper Exploreland Regional Planning Commission. The directors each shared the work they do to provide for the counties and communities they represent. Senators asked questions following the presentations. Senator Dotzler commended Chair Senator Lofgren on his past work with the Homes for Iowa program, initiated by Senator Lofgren and representatives from the Council of Governments. With no other business to come before the committee, Senator Dotzler moved to adjourn at 11:50.

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Senator Mark S. Lofgren

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Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary