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Industry and Innovation Subcommittee

Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Attendees:

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- This meeting began with introductions of the co-chairs and AGO staff members and moved to introduction of general meeting participants. The general discussion questions were introduced.
- The first meeting member mentioned the role of the state as a large entity that is a user of AI, and the capacity of private and public partnerships in the space. They also expressed support of the role of university partnerships to improve innovation and support collaboration.
- A specific question was asked about which states are cultivating the private/public relationship in AI particularly effectively. The meeting member mentioned collaboration within California in specific university contexts.
- The conversation moved to assess these partnerships and their substantive relationships through private and public sectors, and cultivate conversations.
- A reminder is made that the work of the subcommittee is to foster relationships to cultivate innovation rather than operational needs.
- A meeting member mentions that they bring the perspective of centering using AI responsibly and ethically. Expertise can be folded in once the purpose and the understanding of the subcommittee work is best understood.
- A meeting member asks if there are specific articles or findings that can guide where to invest time and energy in the subcommittee.
- A further comment is made about how narrowing the perspective to provide actionable and reasonable investments into innovation. Mentions the power of government is putting the right people in the room together to achieve shared goals.
- A meeting member mentions that role of the state, at large, is a form of auditing to assess the industry and innovation before making recommendations because decision outcomes would trickle down to the smallest entities.
- A meeting member asks for a better understanding of the potential outcomes of the AI task force for policy recommendations. An additional meeting member answers with explaining the context of the authorizing statute.



- A meeting member goes on to emphasize the importance of time and balancing hearing from a breadth of interest and experience across the state and artificial intelligence to inform the subcommittee work.
- A meeting member guides the conversation to understand how artificial intelligence is/can be used by bad actors. States it is better to focus on the people using the tools rather than outlawing the tools.
- A meeting member raises understanding how funds and incentives are allocated in this conversation. Such as assessing where it is overinvested and where a better allocation of resources is needed.
- A question is posed about how barriers to innovation can be removed to historically marginalized groups to create policy that fosters innovation at all levels, as well as legislating principles (transparency, accountability, etc) for technology development any years down the line.
- An additional comment is made of fostering “learning labs” in K-12 education. Notes that young people have a lot of potential to bring to this conversation.
- An additional comment is made about experience working with youth, who have developed successful projects to address problems in society.
- Subcommittee co-chair shares that the innovation cluster grant program has been really successful for the state.
- Comments are shared anecdotally of understanding legislative bills and proposals in New York and California:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1047. A few resources are shared as well as federal bills:
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/4178/text>
- An additional comment is made about focusing the subcommittee work on innovation as well as emphasizing innovation in the state.
- Comments are made about distinguishing Washington state to be the leading state in the space, and how to support that goal.
- A comment is made about how to support entrepreneurship in the State by involving entrepreneurs to understand their needs and inputs.