Improving UI Through Collaboration

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Effective Methods for UI Stakeholder Collaboration

- States vary in the methods used to evaluate and develop unemployment insurance law, policy and administration.

- State UI Advisory Councils vary in authority. Models include
    - Research only councils with academic focus.
    - Policy councils that advise the state UI agency about customer impact and best practices.
    - Legislative advisory councils that review proposed legislation for federal compliance, fiscal impact, and impact on stakeholders.
    - Combinations of research, legislative and policy collaboration.

- Councils also vary in composition with legislative leaders, gubernatorial appointments, business, labor and public representatives.

- Legislative committee collaboration with dedicated policy staff.

Questions for the Panel About UI Collaboration

- How does the State of Washington address collaboration of stakeholders with respect to UI?

- What has been the value of the advisory council and collaboration dialogue?

- Do you have examples of situations in which collaboration avoided problems or enabled improvements?

- Have there been issues that are too politically charged to address through collaboration? How are they handled?

- What are your recommendations for UI collaboration in the future and for other states?