



# Governor's Workforce Board

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## Instructions for Submitting Public Comment and Feedback On Proposed WIOA Waiver Requests

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants the US Secretary of Labor the authority to wave some regulatory requirements as a tool to promote workforce system innovation and focus on outcomes. The Department of Labor is supportive of waivers that are within that authority and where the state can articulate in its waiver request how the proposed waiver will improve job seeker and employer outcomes, or otherwise achieve positive outcomes. Furthermore the US Department of Labor recently issued guidance encouraging states to request waiver flexibility, where necessary, to respond to the Covid-19 crisis.

Rhode Island proposes to seek seven waivers from the Secretary regarding WIOA operations and administration. Those seven waiver requests are posted to the Governor's Workforce Board website for public comment and review.

**Proposed Waivers requests are available online at:**

<https://gwb.ri.gov/policy-and-planning>

(under the header 'WIOA Plans")

**Stakeholders, interested parties, and members of the general public interested in providing comment regarding these waiver requests are encouraged to email:**

[dlt.gwbinfo@dlt.ri.gov](mailto:dlt.gwbinfo@dlt.ri.gov)

We ask that you please indicate the you are submitting Public Comment and indicate the Waiver or Waivers for which you are providing comment in the subject line [Example: PUBLIC COMMENT – ETPL Performance Waiver]. Your comments will be taken under advisement. **(NOTE: Other than confirmation of receipt we are unable to respond directly to submissions)**

You may also provide comment via US Mail:

*Public Comment - Governor's Workforce Board RI  
Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training  
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 72-3  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920*

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