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LeadingAge Missouri (LA MO) is an association of 130 non-profit senior living and healthcare communities across Missouri delivering the full continuum of aging services to older Missourians. The #1 challenge in senior care today is staffing. Caregiver staffing deficiencies have resulted in care facility closure and downsizing. Our field is diligently working to attract and retain direct care workers to address current workforce shortages and Missouri's future state - which projects needing many more caregivers for a much larger population of older adults. Our field needs tools and valuable incentives to meet our workforce challenge. One valuable incentive was passed last year in HB 417 but was not funded. HB 417 will fund competitive grants to allow senior care providers to finance "upskilling" for current and prospective employees. The upskilling program will help senior care providers attract and retain caregivers and other essential workers. LA MO urges the House Budget Committee to accept the Governor's recommendation for House Bill 7 (DED appropriation) and fully fund the Upskill Credential Training Fund with \$6 million.



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I object to these 17 bills because public input should have occurred weeks ago. The Public getting notice of one hearing on all 17 spending bills the day before deliberations is dysfunctional government (no surprise there with the GOP super-majority), especially after advocacy groups, lawmakers, and other individuals have already been able to comment on the bills.



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This initiative is designed to strengthen small businesses from the pop-up stage to a permanent location and provide existing small businesses with technical assistance needed to sustain their existing businesses by gaining access to resources, capital/microlending, and small business supports. The program has the following two Pathways: Pathway 1: The Retail incubator model is an intensive 14 month program that qualifies serious entrepreneurs for the opening of their brick-and-mortar establishments. The Retail Incubator will place 4 businesses into an actual Retail Store front in a thriving commercial district. The Retail space will be subdivided in to 4 small co-working stores where each business will run their business and learn the fundamentals of running a brick-and-mortar operation in a thriving Commercial District. Pathway 2: The Stay in Place Program will focus on existing small businesses and pop-ups not selected to participate in the Retail Incubator but still in need of technical assistance. These small & pop-up businesses that are interested in expansion as well as continued sustainability will have the opportunity to have their existing business plans, and business model examined, and a SWOT Analysis completed for their businesses. These business will then be able to access resources through the Retail Incubator to help stabilize, expanded, or grown their business based on their SWOT Analysis. The final goal is the cultivation of local entrepreneurs and the creation of vibrant commercial corridors which aligns with the State and City's Economic Development plan for Small Business Empowerment & Support.



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A public hearing at this point is hardly actionable or meaningful. This hearing is two months overdue.