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DETR Chief Economist Appointed to Service on National Workforce Advisory Council

CARSON CITY, NV – The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) announces today that Chief Economist David Schmidt has been invited by Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh to serve on the national Workforce Information Advisory Council (WIAC).

“It’s an honor to have been nominated by Director Cafferata, and I look forward to providing Nevada a voice as the committee considers the future of workforce information and the need for useful, timely information to support workers, businesses, and educators across our state” said Mr. Schmidt.

For the last 16 years, Mr. Schmidt has been an Economist with DETR, including the last four years in his role as Chief Economist. He manages the state’s preparation and publication of labor market information, actively exploring innovative methods of data analysis and distribution. In 2020 he won an award for data insights and innovations from the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

The WIAC is a federal advisory committee of workforce and labor market information experts whose purpose is to provide recommendations to the Secretary concerning the evaluation and improvement of the nationwide workforce and labor market information system. Composed of 14 members, the committee studies workforce and labor market information issues, and seeks information on innovative approaches, technologies, and data to inform employment, skills training, and workforce and economic

development decision making and policy. Mr. Schmidt is one of four state labor market information representatives.

WIAC is an important piece of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, legislation passed in 2014 to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers.

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ABOUT DETR: The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through Nevada JobConnect career centers and in cooperation with its community partners.