

# DWD: Public comment period open on suggestions for UI changes

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The Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council (UIAC) is welcoming suggestions to improve Wisconsin's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program during two public hearings and a public comment period.

The Council represents employee and employer interests and submits recommendations for improving unemployment law to the Legislature.

The Council will hold two public hearings on Nov. 17, 2022. The hearings will be virtual, conducted by teleconference and WebEx web conferencing technology. The first hearing is from 2 to 4 p.m.; the second is from 5 to 6 p.m.

"The public hearing is a great opportunity for members of the public to provide input on the laws that govern Wisconsin's UI system," Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek said. "I encourage interested individuals to attend one of the two public hearings scheduled for Nov. 17 or submit written comments through the avenues outlined below."

Advanced registration is required. Find the details at: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uibola/uiac/pubhearings/2022.htm>

Following registration for the public hearing, a confirmation email will be sent with instructions on how to join the event.

If unable to attend a hearing, the council is taking public comments on suggested changes to the state's UI laws from Nov. 9 to 18, 2022. The comments will help inform the council's legislative agenda during the following year.

Submit written comments and suggestions to:

- **Email:** [UILawChange@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:UILawChange@dwd.wisconsin.gov)  
(Note: Emails will only be accepted from Nov. 9 to 18, 2022)
- **Mail to:** Janell Knutson, Chair  
Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council  
P.O. Box 8942  
Madison, WI 53708

**Important:** Do not submit a social security number, date of birth, street address, or issues involving personal claims when submitting written comments on Wisconsin's UI program. To contact DWD about issues with personal claims, please call the Claimant Assistance Line at (414) 435-7069 or toll-free (844) 910-3661 during business hours.