

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

<u>SUBJECT</u>: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Workforce

PURPOSE: To examine the impact of artificial intelligence on the current workforce as well

as the future of work in New York State.

Thursday October 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Hearing Room C Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor Albany, NY, 12248

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into the workplace has rapidly increased in recent years, as many employers have begun to utilize such tools to attain greater cost effectiveness, efficiency, and productivity. These goals are being achieved through a variety of methods, ranging from the enhancement of human decision-making processes to the creation of new jobs to the complete automation of tasks. Results of the 2022 McKinsey Global Survey on AI showed that business adoption of AI has more than doubled since 2017, with 50% of respondents reporting the incorporation of AI into at least one business area.

At the same time, according to a report published in 2022 by the MIT Sloan School of Management, 60% of individuals view AI as a coworker rather than as a threat to their employment. However, attitudes toward AI and its implications for work are often industry and job specific, and the potential variation in employment outcomes also requires further consideration regarding the extent to which job creation and job displacement by AI may overlap. Additionally, the promotion of data collection through AI foreshadows further consequences for workers in areas such as productivity monitoring, worker privacy, and algorithmic bias.

Given these considerations, the Assembly Standing Committees on Labor and Science and Technology are interested in examining the impact of artificial intelligence on the current workforce as well as the future of work in New York State. Testimony from relevant stakeholders may highlight potential benefits and concerns with the expanded use of AI in the workplace, including but not limited to impacts on worker privacy via data collection and workplace surveillance, retaliation and discrimination against workers in hiring, promotion, or dismissal, and any legislative recommendations to ensure the continued innovation of this technology in conjunction with protections for workers.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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