



# Government Data for Evidence Building Focus Area

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# Use Case Summary

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- South Carolina data inventory and meta-data use case—Discuss process South Carolina went through to create and maintain their data inventory and meta-data system. (Elizabeth Kovacs—champion)
- Environment-health (PFAS) use case—Combining data on level of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water with human health data in individuals living in defined areas. (Richard Allen—champion)
- Labor Market Activity (joint with Governance)—Focus on using unemployment insurance (UI) data to create more timely and useful measures of labor market performance. Add discussion of SWIS data and JEDx project. Both SWIS and JEDx include a discussion of standards and making data available to providers.
- Health (joint with Governance)—Linking and analyzing health data at federal, state, and local level (Brian Moyer—champion)

# Findings

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- Still working on pulling together use cases
- SC seems to have successfully developed a data inventory system. Less success in data sharing arrangements?
- University of Florida has been using the SWIS data to track graduates who have moved to other states. Not sure if other Universities are doing this.

## Next Steps

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- Get approval for South Carolina and PFAS use cases
- SWIS field trip
- Review previous JEDx presentation. Update? New information?
- Update on efforts to modernize UI system

# Full Committee Discussion

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- Efforts of other committees around standards and data enhancements
- How are states and local governments being included in discussions of standardization and data enhancement?
- Seems to be numerous efforts at federal and state level and one private effort around trying to combine data from different agencies and/or states. Any effort to coordinate these efforts?
  - SWIS, Coleridge, FRAMES, America's DataHub, JEDx, State Data Sharing Initiative
- Possible Recommendation—Funding to create an NSDS must include funding to train state and local workers and policy makers on the value and use of data for evidence building along the lines done at the Coleridge Initiative
- Possible Recommendation—Funding to create an NSDS must include efforts to modernize data systems beyond funding for UI and vital statistics data
  - The recently revealed issues with these data are only the tip of the ice-berg