

**TOPIC:                   REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE  
                              COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESPONSE TO HB  
                              06-1024**

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**I.     SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to describe the programs and services designed to address the retention and success of underserved students enrolled at public colleges and universities in Colorado. Information in this report was provided to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) in response to HB 06-1024.

**II.    BACKGROUND**

This report was prepared in response to HB06-1024 Concerning Underserved Students at Institutions of Higher Education, which requires each governing board to prepare and submit a report regarding underserved students to include:

- a. The programs and services that each state institution of higher education under the governing board's control provides to address the retention and success of underserved students; and
- b. Additional programs or services for underserved students that the state institution of higher education would propose to provide and the related costs for the implementation of those proposed programs or services.

The DHE collected information for this report from all public colleges and universities in the state. Institution-specific reports appear in appendices A (four-year colleges) and B (two-year colleges) of the attached report.

**III.   STAFF ANALYSIS**

[Report attached.](#)

**IV.    STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This report is an information item only; no formal action is required by the Commission.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

The DHE is charged, in section 23-5-135, C.R.S., which requires each governing board of a state institution of higher education, on or before September 1, 2006, to submit to the

Colorado commission on higher education and the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, a report regarding underserved students.