

2013 Department of Higher Education Legislative Status Report (1/22/13)

Bill No.	Short Title	FI	Sponsors	Description	Status
House Bills					
HB13-1004	Colorado Careers Act of 2013	-	Duran & Melton / -	Creates the career pathways program at CDLE. The program provides grants to eligible entities to enable individuals to acquire skills necessary to obtain or improve their employability. Current law requires the department of higher education (department) to produce a report on workforce needs and credential production. The bill includes local workforce investment boards in the description of entities with whom the department should consult to prepare the report.	1/09/13- H-Intro 1/31/13- H-BUS
HB13-1005	Basic Ed & Career & Tech Ed Pilot Program	FI	Fields & Buckner / -	ESTF Bill, requires the CCCS to design new certificate programs to allow certain unemployed or underemployed adults to obtain a career and technical education certificate in 12 months or less. The certificate programs will be offered as a pilot program, and are intended to integrate information and math literacy development with career and technical training. (\$131,300 FFS)	1/09/13- H-Intro 1/28/13- H-ED
HB13-1026	WICHE Equipment & Renovations Fee Approp Reqmnt	FI	Fischer / Schwartz (CDC Bill)	CDC bill eliminates the requirement that an appropriation be made prior to spending a student fee assessed to out-of-state students that attend the veterinary medicine school at Colorado State University (CSU). Non-resident veterinary medicine students, including those students enrolled through WICHE, are assessed a \$1,001 annual fee to be used for facility renovations and equipment purchases. Allows for streamlined approval.	1/09/13- H-Intro 1/16/13- H-SA (Passed) 1/18/13- H-2nd (Passed)
HB13-1057	Retain Avalanche Information Center in DNR	-	Mitsch Bush / Nicholson	CGS is scheduled to transfer to the Colorado School of Mines 1/31/13. This transfer results from House Bill 12-1355, and a MOU between the president of the university and DNR. This bill retains the functions of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC), currently part of the CGS, in the DNR.	1/09/13- H-Intro 1/14/13- H-AGR (Passed) 1/15/13- H-APP (Passed) 1/16/13- H-2nd (Passed) 1/17/13- H-3rd (Passed)
HB13-1089	Academic Freedom Act	-	Humphrey / Renfroe	Direct teachers to create an environment that encourages students to intelligently and respectfully explore scientific questions and learn about scientific evidence related to biological and chemical evolution, global warming, and human cloning. Direct CDE and CCHE to notify all school districts and institutions of higher education of the provisions of their respective act by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year and that the school districts and institutions of higher education shall disseminate that information to their employees.	1/16/13- H-Intro Assign- H-ED
HB13-1122	Incentive Well Sev Tax Holiday & Higher Ed Funding	-	Scott / -	For 2 years beginning on July 1, 2013, the bill exempts oil and gas from a well that begins production during the 2-year exemption period (incentive well) from the severance tax. At the end of the exemption period, the oil and gas produced from an incentive well is subject to the severance tax, but the tax associated with the incentive well is not distributed in the same manner as the revenue from other wells. Instead, this revenue is deposited in the college opportunity fund.	1/18/13- H-Intro Assign- H-SA

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HB13-1147	Voter Registration at Public Higher Ed Institutions	-	Melton / Newell	The bill requires a state institution of higher education to provide its students, when a student registers at the institution for the first time, the opportunity to apply for voter registration.	1/18/13- H-Intro Assign- H-SA
HB13-1151	Sales & Use Tax Holiday For Higher Ed Textbooks	-	Moreno / Kefalas	Creates a one-day state sales and use tax exemption (holiday) for any textbook that is required or recommended for use at an institution of higher education and that is sold by a campus book store. This sales and use tax holiday occurs on the last Monday of August of the next 5 years. The exemption applies to new, used, and electronic textbooks. (Also permits identical local sales tax holiday.)	1/18/13- H-Intro Assign- H-FIN & APP

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SB13-028	Track Utility Data High Performance State Building	-	Jones / Tyler	This bill requires state agencies, including higher education institutions, to monitor, track, and verify utility usage data for all state-assisted facilities designed, constructed, or substantially renovated on or after July 1, 2013.	1/09/13- S-Intro Assign- S-SA
SB13-031	Tuition for Dropout Recovery Program Students	-	Giron / Pettersen	HB12-1146 allows a school district and a community college to establish a dropout recovery program permitting a student who has dropped out of high school, or students at-risk of dropping out, to complete their high school requirements exclusively at a community college or district junior college. SB13-031 requires that a school district participating in the program pay the student portion of tuition for each class in which the student enrolls (rather than completes).	1/16/13- S-Intro 1/31/13- S-ED
SB13-033	In-state Classification CO High School Completion	FI	Giron & Johnston / Duran & Fields	Student shall be charged resident tuition rates at institutions of higher education if: (1) the student attended high school in the state for at least 3 years immediately preceding graduation or attaining a general education equivalent degree (GED); and (2) the student is admitted to a school of higher education within 1 academic year following graduation, or the attainment of a GED. <OR> (3) A high school graduate who has not been admitted to college within 1 year following graduation, but who otherwise satisfies the requirements in the bill, may be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes so long as the student has been <u>physically present in Colorado for at least 18 months prior to enrolling</u> . • The student is also eligible for COF stipends. • The institutions may also consider these students eligible for institutional or other private financial aid programs. • A student must submit an affidavit to the admitting institution stating that the student has applied for lawful presence, or will apply as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.	1/15/13- S-Intro 1/24/13- S-ED
SB13-053	Exchange of Student Data K-12 and Postsecondary	-	Kerr / Hamner	The bill establishes a procedure between CDE and DHE that allows for the transfer of available student data relevant to the transition from high school to the postsecondary system. The procedure must utilize student unit record data currently collected and maintained by the CDE and administered at no charge to local education providers, public institutions of higher education, or students.	1/16/13- S-Intro 2/14/13- S-ED