

**TOPIC: COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACHELORS OF APPLIED SCIENCE
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I. SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

At its December 2013 meeting, the Commission spent time discussing the 2014 Session proposed Colorado Community College legislation which would make the following changes:

- (1) Colorado Community College system role and mission change to be able to offer bachelors of applied science degrees after meeting and demonstrating specific criteria to the CCHE for its consideration in degree program approval.
- (2) Aims Community College role and mission change to be able to offer bachelors or applied science degrees after meeting and demonstrating specific criteria to the CCHE for its consideration in degree program approval.
- (3) Western State Colorado University role and mission change to be allowed to provide state funded basic skills education in Gunnison and Chaffee counties.

Following the staff information item presentation, the Commission heard testimony supporting the legislation from the Colorado Community College System President, Dr. Nancy McCallin.

At the conclusion December 2013 information item, the Commission indicated a desire to formally consider taking a position on this legislation at its next scheduled meeting in January 2014.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

The provisions of the draft bill that were discussed at the December 2013 meeting have all been incorporated into the current version of the bill which is provided as an attachment to this item (Draft Bill – dated 12/6/13).

For specific criteria the Commission shall use to determine approval of a Bachelors of Applied Science degree programs please see the attached Draft Bill – dated 12/6/13, Section 2, pages 5 thru 9.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission indicated a desire to take a position on the legislation. The purpose of this item is to provide an opportunity for the Commission to formally do so.