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Bill No.	Short Title	FI	Sponsors	Description	Status
Senate					
S.B. 14-001	College Affordability Act	FI	Jahn & Kerr / Garcia & McLachlan	<p>Appropriates \$100 million General Fund to DHE FY 2014-15 Budget:</p> <p><u>Operating:</u> \$60 million to the public institutions of higher education (11% increase)</p> <p><u>Financial Aid:</u> \$30 million Need based aid \$5 million Work Study aid \$5 million Merit based aid.</p> <p>Additionally, for fiscal years 2014-15 & 2015-16, it reduces from 9 percent to 6 percent CAPS the amount by which a governing board of a state institution of higher education may increase undergraduate resident tuition at 6%. If a governing board feels the need to increase tuition by more than 6 percent, than it must submit a financial accountability plan to CCHE.</p>	1/06 - S-Intro 1/29 - S-Ed (Testimony) 2/12 - S-Ed (Passed/Amend) Ref to S-Apps
S.B. 14-004	Community College Four-year Programs	NFI	Todd / Wilson & May	<p><u>This bill allows the CCCS and Aims to seek approval from CCHE to offer bachelor of applied science degree programs after demonstrating:</u></p> <p>(I) workforce and student demand (II) accreditation requirements can be satisfied (III) If the degree program is cost effective (IV) If the program is distinguishable from that of an existing degree program at a state four-year institution in the community college geographic service area or a degree program that has been successfully offered in conjunction with a four year institution. (V) Whether program could be provided through a statewide transfer agreement.</p> <p><u>In determining whether to approve a bachelor of applied science degree program, the commission:</u></p> <p>(I) shall consider whether the criteria set forth in subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph have been met and whether the proposed bachelor of applied science degree program is in the best interests of the state of Colorado; (II) shall consult with state four-year institutions of higher education concerning whether the collaboration described in subparagraph (v) ; and (III) may consult with any state four-year institution of higher education that shares the same geographic service area, as defined by the commission pursuant to section 23-1-109 (2), concerning the proposed degree program to inform the commission of any anticipated systemwide effects of the new degree program.</p> <p>Allows Western State Colorado University to provide basic skills courses.</p>	1/08 - S-Intro 1/23 - S-Ed (Passed) 1/28 - S-2nd (Passed) 1/29 - S-3rd (Passed) 1/29 - H-Intro 2/10 - H-Ed (Passed) 2/14 - H- 2nd (Passed) 2/18 - H - 3rd (Passed) 2/21-to Gov 2/27- Gov signed

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S.B. 14-006	Early Childhood Educator-Development Scholarship	FI	Newell / Peniston	<p>CDE related--The early childhood education development scholarship program exists in current law to provide stipends to offset the cost of obtaining AA degrees for persons employed in early childhood education. Current program is funded solely through federal grants and other gifts, grants and donations.</p> <p>This bill expands upon the existing scholarship program. It redefines the eligibility to obtain the stipend by changing criteria from AA degrees to obtain a postsecondary degree or certificate as well as provides the option for an annual appropriation including funding from the State Education Fund.</p>	1/08 - S-Intro 2/12 - S-Ed (PI/D)
S.B. 14-011	Colorado Energy Research Authority	FI	Heath / Hullinghorst	<p>This bill changes the name of the existing authority: Colorado Renewable Energy Research Authority.</p> <p>It allows the Authority to direct the allocation of state matching funds to support activities or proposals for federal funds by the Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory, which includes the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado at Boulder.</p> <p>Creates the Energy Research cash fund which will receive \$2 million annually on November 1, 2014 thru 2018 (5 years).</p>	1/08 - S-Intro 1/30 - S-Agr (Passed) 2/11 - S-Fin (Passed) Ref to S-Apps
S.B. 14-015	Hospitality Career Grant Program	FI	Kerr / -	<p>Creates the hospitality secondary education fund to fund a hospitality career secondary education grant program that will be administered by CDLE (0.5 FTE + \$56k + Grant \$)</p> <p>The grant program intends to prepare students for post-secondary education and completing degrees and credentials by helping to create a better transitional education programs from high school to college.</p>	1/08 - S-Intro 1/30 - S-Ed (Passed) Ref to S-Apps
S.B. 14-058	GED Or Highschool Equivalency Examinations	NFI	Todd / Murray	<p>Changes the term "GED" or "general equivalency diploma" to "high school equivalency examination", throughout statute.</p>	1/08 - S-Intro 1/30 - S-Ed (Passed) 2/05 - S-2nd (Passed) 2/06 - S-3rd (Passed) 3/17 - H-Ed
S.B. 14-063	Mandatory Review of State Agency Rules	NFI	Marble / Saine	<p>The bill codifies an executive order of the governor on the review of executive branch agency rules. No later than January 1, 2015, and periodically thereafter pursuant to a schedule for review established by the department of regulatory agencies, each principal department in state government is required to review its existing rules to determine whether the rules should be continued in their current form, amended, or repealed.</p>	1/08 - S-Intro 1/27 - S-SA (Passed) 2/03 S-2nd (Passed/Amend) 2/04 - S-3rd (Passed) 2/04- H-Intro-SA 3/10-H- SA- (Passed/Amend) 3/12-H-2nd (Passed/Amend) 3/13-H- 3rd (Passed)

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S.B. 14-114	Student Access to CSU Global Campus	NFI	Todd / Hamner & Holbert	Introduced version allows CSU Global to offer full Bachelor degree program offerings. <u>Role & Mission Change:</u> "CSU global campus is a baccalaureate and graduate on-line university with the mission in Colorado of offering upper division baccalaureate degree completion programs for nontraditional students in partnership with the Colorado community college system and selected master-level graduate programs. CSU global campus shall comply with all applicable statutes and rules." Bill amended in Senate to require CCHE approval and other guardrails.	1/27- S-Intro 2/20 - S-Ed (Passed/Amend) 2/25-S-2nd (Passed) 2/26-S-3rd (Passed) 2/26-H-Intro 3/12-H-Ed (Passed) Ref to H-Apps
S.B. 14-118	Protections for Individuals with Disabilities		Steadman / Melton	Aligns many of the definitions based on disability and discrimination relating to it to those definitions in the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990". It changes the term person to individual and changes assistance dog to service animal. Additionally, it raises the fine for violations to \$3,500.	1/27 - S-Intro
S.B. 14-136	Delay Statewide Testing Study- Academic Standards	FI	Marble / Saine	Delays by one year the implementation of new statewide assessments, including common core. Creates a task force to study the adoption and implementation of the Colorado Academic Standards. The chairman of the task force will be the chairman of the state board of education. The taskforce must hold 10 public meetings, contract with an independent entity to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of implementing the Colorado academic standards, review and compare the Colorado academic standards, and by December 15, 2015, submit a report of the findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board, and the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. The State Board must then consider the recommendations at least one public hearing.	1/27 - S-Intro 2/13 - S-Ed (PL/d)
S.B. 14-149	Private Occupational School Standards		Johnston/ Young	Removes a previous exemption for the private occupational school board from complying with certain provisions in statute for the minimum standards to operate in Colorado. The exemption was for a private occupational school accredited by an accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as long as the accrediting body meets or exceeds the minimum standards in statute.	2/19-S-Intro 2/26-S-Ed (Passed) 3/3-S-2nd (Passed) 3/4-S-3rd (Passed) 3/5-H-Intro (Ed) 3/10-H- Ed (Passed) 3/12-H-2nd (Passed) 3/13-H-3rd (Passed)

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H.B. 14-1011	Advanced Industry Economic Development Funding	FI	Young & Gerou / Heath	<p>Current law has the Advanced Industries Export Acceleration Cash Fund (OEDIT). This fund combines financial resources, training, and consulting services to provide a robust and comprehensive trade export promotion service for the state of Colorado.</p> <p>The OEDIT advanced industries are the following (all included in this program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) advanced manufacturing; (2) aerospace; (3) bioscience; (4) electronics; (5) energy and natural resources; (6) infrastructure engineering; and (7) information technology. <p>This bill changes a transfer to the fund from \$5 M to \$12 M annually from 2014 thru 2019.</p>	1/08 - H-Intro- Bus 1/28 - Bus (Passed) Ref to H-Apps
H.B. 14-1013	Advanced Industries Workforce Development Program	FI	Lee & Foote / Todd	<p>Creates the advanced industries workforce development program in OEDIT. The purpose of the program is to allow OEDIT to reimburse a business for one-half of its expenses related to a qualifying internship or apprenticeship in an advanced industry -up to 5 interns per location;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -up to 10 interns for all locations; -up to \$5k to business per stipend; and -no more than \$2.5k to student per stipend. <p>The program is funded by \$450k General Fund annually from 2014 to 2016.</p>	1/08 - H-Intro 2/13 - H-Bus Ref-H-Apps

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H.B. 14-1033	Regulatory Reform Act 2014	FI	Szabo / Tochtrop	Requires state agencies that regulate business of less than 100 employees to develop fact sheets for new rules created in each fiscal year and make the fact sheets available to the businesses with 100 or fewer employees. For first time violators of rules, a state agency has to issue a written warning and conduct educational outreach.	1/08 - H-Intro 3/5 - H-SA (PI/D)
H.B. 14-1041	Concealed handguns Carry Without Permit	NFI	Wright & Holbert / Grantham	The bill allows a person who legally possesses a handgun under state and federal law to carry a concealed handgun in Colorado to carry a weapon on school, college, or university grounds. A person who carries a concealed handgun under the authority created in the bill has the same carrying rights and is subject to the same limitations that apply to a person who holds a permit to carry a concealed handgun under current law, including the prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun on the grounds of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school.	1/08 - H-Intro 1/30 - H-Jud (Testimony) 2/05 - H-Jud. (PI/D)
H.B. 14-1048	Religious Freedom Higher Education	NFI	Priola / Tochtrop	The bill prohibits a state institution of higher education (institution) from denying a religious student group a benefit that the institution provides to a nonreligious student group solely because the religious student group requires its leaders to adhere to the group's sincerely held religious beliefs or standards of conduct. These benefits include recognition, registration, use of institution facilities, use of institution channels of communication, and available institution funding sources.	1/08 - H-Intro 1/27 - H-Ed (PI/D)
H.B. 14-1085	Adult Education and Literacy	FI	Fields / Zenzinger	Creates an adult education and literacy grant program. Local education providers, which includes public education providers, postsecondary institutions, and local, nonprofit workforce development providers, may apply for a grant. The application must demonstrate that the local education provider is a member of a workforce development partnership that provides training leading to employment opportunities for students after they attain basic skills.	1/10 - H-Intro 1/27 - H-Ed (Passed) Ref to H-Apps
H.B. 14-1094	Sales & Use Tax Holiday For Back-to-school Items	FI	Pabon / Jahn	After gross General Fund revenues in the prior fiscal year reach \$8.5 billion, creates a sales and use tax exemption for back-to-school items which will occur annually for 5 years (duration 3 days beginning of each August). FN indicates loss of GF revenue to the state <\$3.1 M>.	1/14 - H-Intro 2/19 - H-Fin Ref to H-Apps

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H.B. 14-1124	In-state Tuition American Indians Tribes Ties to CO	FI	Salazar / Tochtrop	Requires state-supported institutions of higher education to classify as an in-state for tuition purposes a student who is a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe with historical ties to Colorado (designated by the Colorado commission on Indian Affairs). Fort Lewis College is exempt. Student will be counted as a resident for any purpose, eligibility for state financial aid, and eligibility for the College Opportunity Fund stipend.	1/15 - H-Intro 2/05 - H-Ed (Passed) Ref to H-Apps
H.B. 14-1136	Regulation of Continuing Prof Ed	NFI	Primavera & Holbert/ Todd	Adds an exemption for DPOS regulation if a program is approved by the applicable Colorado professional licensing entity for maintenance or renewal of a professional license and the organization that provides the course qualifies as a nonprofit and is consistent with the purposes or requirements of the organization that provides the program	1/15 - H-Intro 3/05- H-Ed 3/10- H- 2nd (Passed/Amend) 3/12-H- 3rd (Passed)
H.B. 14-1140	Compromised Personal or Financial Identifying Info		Conti / -	If a state entity experiences an event that results in a threat of the unauthorized access, loss, disclosure, modification, disruption, or destruction of personal or financial identifying information, and if the error is at the fault of the state entity or due to lack of security protecting the information held by the state entity, then the state must notify any person who may be impacted of: -The a security incident occurred and that personal or financial identifying information may have been compromised -That the person is entitled to have the state pay for identity theft protection services for a limited time -That the person may contact the state entity for further information	1/16- H- Intro Assign H-SA Assign H-Apps
H.B. 14-1152	Passive Surveillance Records	NFI	Lawrence / Scheffel	Requires all records of video or still images captured by passive surveillance to be destroyed by the custodian within six months of recording those images. A criminal justice agency may retain passive surveillance records for longer than six months if it obtains a court order because the record is necessary for its effective operations and activities.	1/17- H-Intro 2/18- H-Jud 2/20-H-2nd (Passed) 2/24-H-3rd (Passed) 2/28-S-Intro 3/10-S- Jud (Passed) 3/13-S-2nd (Passed) 3/14-S-3rd (Passed)
H.B. 14-1154	Employment of Community College Faculty	FI	Fischer/ Kefalas	Requires community colleges to maintain only one salary and compensation schedule and incremental step schedule for all faculty. It defines a full-time work load as 30 credit hours and ties salary, compensation and employment benefits to a combined work load at all state institutions of higher education. Additional provisions relate to compensation for nonteaching duties and teaching duties as well as faculty termination. (\$86.2M General Fund FN)	1/17- H-Intro 2/03 - H-SA (Passed) Ref to H-Apps

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H.B. 14-1179	Veterans Workforce Accelerator Grant Program		Landgraf/-	Establishes the Veterans Workforce Accelerator Grant Program. The state council will give preference to one program that teaches advanced industry skills, works in collaboration with the community college or four-year institution in the region, and works in collaboration with the local workforce center and veterans employment representatives. The grant will not exceed two million dollars in fiscal year 2015-2016 and one million dollars in 2017-2018.	1/29-H-Intro 2/18-H-Bus. (PI/D)
H.B. 14-1193	Research Retrieval Fees Public Records Under CORA	FI	Salazar/ Kefalas	Allows a custodian of public records under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) to impose a fee in response to a request for research and retrieval of public records only if the custodian has posted the fee. The fee must be nominal in comparison to the time the custodian spends responding to the volume of requests and may not be an hourly fee that exceeds three times the state minimum wage.	1/30-H-Intro 2/19-H-LG 2/21-H-2nd (Passed) 2/24-H-3rd (Passed) 2/28-S- Intro 3/17-S-SA
H.B. 14-1231	State Talent & Market Intelligence	FI	Buckner & Kagan	Requires the Colorado Office of Economic Development to enter into a contract to obtain a talent analytics tool to study the state's talent base composition. The study will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature and level of the top ten postsecondary degrees and certifications held by people who comprise the state's talent base • The nature of the talent that the state needs for economic growth • The state's competitive advantages or disadvantages with talent compared to other states • Better ways to align state resources for retention and recruitment of companies within key industries and regions <p>Funded by \$125,000 from the General Fund</p>	1/30-H-Intro 2/18-H- Bus. H-Apps

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H.B. 14-1237	Suppl Approp Dept of Higher Ed	FI	Duran/ Steadman	Includes supplemental appropriations from the JBC for the Department of Higher Education.	2/03- H- Intro 2/07-H- Apps (Passed) 2/10- H-2nd (Passed) 2/11- H-3rd (Passed) 2/12- S-Intro 2/14-S-Apps (Passed) 2/14-S- 2nd (Passed) 2/17-S-3rd (Passed) 2/20-to Gov 2/27- Gov signed
H.B. 14-1255	Negotiate Resident Tuition for Israeli Students	FI	Everett/ -	Requires CCHE to negotiate with the public higher education system in Israel or individual institutions within the system to establish reciprocity agreements for resident tuition between Colorado institutions of higher education and Israeli institutions of higher education. Upon the successful completion of an agreement, CCHE shall direct institutions to comply.	2/03- H- Intro 2/12-H-Ed (PI/D)
H.B. 14-1256	Higher Ed Employment Contacts for Librarians		Fischer/ Kerr	Extends the ability of institutions to enter into an unlimited number of term employment contracts or term extension contracts (lasting no more than three years) from classroom teaching appointments to librarians.	2/03 - H- Intro 2/26 - H- Ed (Passed) 3/3-H-2nd (Passed) 3/4-H- 3rd (Passed) 3/4-S- Intro- Ed 3/12-S- Ed (Passed)
H.B. 14-1319	Outcomes-based Funding For Higher Education		Ferrandino & Holbert / Lambert & Todd	<<See Separate Document for Summary of Introduced Bill>>	3/13- H- Intro Ref to H-Ed