



BILLS OF INTEREST TO HIGHER EDUCATION

- As of February 13, 2015 -

1. CO H 1001

Title: Early Childhood Educator Development Scholarships
Sponsor: Pettersen (D)
Description: Among other things, would create an early childhood educator development fund within the Department of Human Services for the purpose of providing scholarships to assist early childhood education professionals obtain postsecondary credentials.
Status: 01/07/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/07/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.
01/26/2015 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably with amendment.
01/26/2015 To HOUSE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

2. CO H 1027

Title: In State Tuition American Indian Tribes Ties
Sponsor: Salazar (D)
Description: Would allow students, who are members of a federally recognized American Indian tribe with historical ties to Colorado, to be classified as "in-state" for tuition purposes at any Colorado public institution of higher education. In addition, would make such students eligible for state financial aid and the College Opportunity Fund stipend.
Status: 01/07/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/07/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.
01/26/2015 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably.
01/26/2015 To HOUSE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

3. CO H 1105

Title: Education Accountability Measures
Sponsor: Everett (R)
Description: Among other things, would repeal the existing Colorado Academic Standards and charge a steering committee to make recommendations to the State Board of Education for adoption.
Status: 01/15/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/15/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

4. CO H 1123

Title: Federal Test Requirements Option
Sponsor: Tate (R)
Description: Among other things, would allow districts to only do testing to the extent federal law requires. In addition, would allow districts to opt out of administering the ACT.
Status: 01/16/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/16/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

5. CO H 1125

Title: Academic Standards and Flexible Assessments
Sponsor: Lundeen (R)
Description: Among other things, would require that CO Academic Standards be systematically reviewed and updated. Annually, would require that 2 instructional areas be done ensuring that all areas are revised at least once every 5 years.

In addition, would (1) place restrictions on certain statewide testing; (2) require the State Board to continue selecting a college entrance exam that will be administered to all students; (3) allow participation with an international benchmarking assessment; (4) require local providers to develop assessment plans for student competency; and (5) repeal existing statute governing statewide assessment.

Status: 01/16/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/16/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

6. CO H 1146

Title: Student Leaders Institute
Sponsor: Wilson J (R)
Description: Would create a new annual 4-week residential educational program for 9th and 10th graders at UCD - focus on music, arts, and theater. Attendees would receive 3 hours of post-secondary credit from the University.

Status: 01/28/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/28/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

7. CO H 1156

Title: Higher Education Performance Fee-for-service Contracts
Sponsor: Van Winkle (R)
Description: Would modify the currently adopted higher education funding model to exclude recognizing the successes of our public institutions of higher education with completing, retaining, and transferring undergraduate non-resident students.

Status: 01/29/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/29/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

8. CO H 1165

Title: Schools Use of American Indian Mascots
Sponsor: Salazar (D)
Description: Would create a committee to consider the use of American Indian mascots by public school and institutions of higher education.

Status: 01/29/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/29/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

9. CO H 1170

Title: Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness
Sponsor: Kraft-Tharp (D)
Description: Among other things, creates a new position of "Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Statewide Coordinator" and adds new performance measures to K-12 public schools.

Status: 01/29/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/29/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

10. CO H 1190

Title: Public Schools Assistance for Career Pathways
Sponsor: Windholz (R)
Description: Among other things, would require the Colorado Workforce Development Council and the Colorado Department of Higher Education to coordinate efforts on a number of workforce development related issues.
Status: 01/29/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/29/2015 To HOUSE Committee on STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS.

11. CO H 1208

Title: Repeal Of Common Core Education Standards
Sponsor: Klingenschmitt (R)
Description: Among other things, would repeal the current Colorado Academic Standards and require the State Board of Education to adopt new ones. In addition, prohibits such standards from being prescriptive on such things as curriculum, textbooks, or other educational materials.
Status: 02/03/2015 INTRODUCED.
02/03/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

12. CO H 1215

Title: In State Tuition Dependents Of Military Members
Sponsor: Priola (R)
Description: Would allow institutions to adopt policies to grant dependents of active-duty military members with in-state tuition status if: (1) the dependent completed at least six years of K-12 schooling in Colorado and (2) enrolls in a Colorado institution within five years of graduating high school.
Status: 02/10/2015 INTRODUCED.
02/10/2015 To HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION.

13. CO S 50

Title: Excellent Scholars Program
Sponsor: Heath (D)
Description: Would create the Awarding Colorado's Excellent Scholars Act (ACES), a scholarship program for the top three high school seniors graduating from each Colorado high school and planning to attend a Colorado public institution of higher education. The scholarship would cover the cost of tuition for up to four consecutive academic years or achieving a baccalaureate degrees, whichever comes first.
Status: 01/08/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/08/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

14. CO S 72

Title: Metropolitan State University of Denver Admissions
Sponsor: Lambert (R)
Description: Would modify the admission standards for Metropolitan State University to reflect "moderately selective", from "modified open".
Status: 01/14/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/14/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

15. CO S 82

Title: County Workforce Development Property Tax Incentives
Sponsor: Marble (R)
Description: Would permit counties to establish local workforce development funds, funded by local contributions, to assist high school graduates pursue post-secondary education or credentials from an accredited institution. Contributors would be provided a local property tax credit or rebate.
Status: 01/14/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/14/2015 To SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
02/03/2015 From SENATE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Reported favorably with amendment.
02/03/2015 In SENATE. To second reading.
02/06/2015 In SENATE. Read second time and committee amendment adopted. To third reading.
02/09/2015 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.
02/10/2015 To HOUSE Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

16. CO S 117

Title: Discrimination in Higher Education Funding
Sponsor: Lambert (R)
Description: Would prohibit CCHE from using certain factors as the sole basis for the allocation of any state funds such as, among other things, race, color, national origin, sex, or age of students
Status: 01/26/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/26/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.
01/29/2015 From SENATE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably with amendment.
01/29/2015 In SENATE. To second reading.
02/06/2015 Committee amendment adopted on SENATE floor.
02/06/2015 In SENATE. Read second time and amended. To third reading.
02/09/2015 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.

17. CO S 118

Title: Modifies Qualified State Tuition Program Tax Deductions
Sponsor: Merrifield (D)
Description: Would significantly modify the allowable tax deduction for participation in a 529 college savings program - College Invest. Would create a tiered schedule based on an individual's Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), with a cap of \$250,000 AGI.
Status: 01/26/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/26/2015 To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.

18. CO S 131

Title: Agency Collaborative for Youth of Foster Care System
Sponsor: Newell (D)
Description: Would establish a collaborative of agencies and providers to provide access, information, and guidance to post secondary opportunities for children who were in foster care or subjected to sex trafficking. College in Colorado would be the designated lead entity for the collaborative.

While supportive of the efforts and goals of the bill, it would be critical that the appropriate level of initial and ongoing state funding be provided for College in Colorado to be able to take on this project.
Status: 01/28/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/28/2015 To SENATE Committee on STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS.
02/11/2015 From SENATE Committee on STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS: Reported favorably.
02/11/2015 To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.

19. CO S 138

Title: Students Concurrent Enrollment Program Funding
Sponsor: Donovan (D)
Description: Would create greater fiscal flexibility for the spending of ASCENT funding and allow districts to carry over remaining funds for up to one fiscal year.
Status: 01/28/2015 INTRODUCED.
01/28/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

20. CO S 148

Title: Supplemental Appropriations Department Higher Education
Sponsor: Lambert (R)
Description: Would provide supplemental appropriations to CDHE for FY 14/15.
Status: 02/02/2015 INTRODUCED.
02/02/2015 To SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
02/03/2015 From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Reported favorably.
02/03/2015 In SENATE. To second reading.
02/04/2015 In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.
02/05/2015 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.
02/09/2015 To HOUSE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.
02/10/2015 From HOUSE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Reported favorably.
02/10/2015 In HOUSE. To second reading.
02/11/2015 In HOUSE. Read second time. To third reading.
02/12/2015 In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE.

21. CO S 171

Title: Sunset Private Occupational Education Act
Sponsor: Hill (R)
Description: Would extend the "Private Occupational Education Act of 1981" until September 2024. In addition, would: expand the authority of the DPOS Board to issue cease and desist orders to facilities in violation of the Act; repeal the requirement that CCHE approve fee adjustments; repeal requirement to credential barber and cosmetology instructors; and, designate DPOS as the repository for records when a facility ceases operations.
Status: 02/06/2015 INTRODUCED.
02/06/2015 To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

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