

TOPIC: 2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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I. SUMMARY

In preparation for the 2016 legislative session, it is important to begin developing ideas for potential legislation that would help to improve the delivery of higher education in Colorado and to meet statewide goals.

II. BACKGROUND

The General Assembly meets on an annual basis. During each legislative session CCHE and CDHE, with Governor's office approval, have the opportunity to propose legislation.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff would work with Commissioners, institutions of higher education, Department staff, and higher education advocates to identify and develop potential proposals that would help to improve the delivery of higher education in Colorado and meet Master Plan goals. Such as, but not limited to, identifying proposals that would:

- Reduce barriers and red tape for delivering higher education.
- Increase incentives for meeting statewide policy goals.
- Clean up higher education statutes to eliminate obsolete provisions or update outdated provisions.

Staff intends to present a list of possible proposals for the CCHE/CDHE 2016 Legislative Agenda at a future CCHE Commission meeting for approval.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends authorizing the start of this process.

V. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-1 Establishes the Colorado Commission on Higher Education as the "central policy and coordinating board for higher education."