



Committee of Reference SMART Government Act Hearing

December 3, 2014



COLORADO
Department of
Higher Education

Overview

Overview of the Dept. of Higher Education

SMART Act Requirements

HB 14-1319

Other Department Initiatives

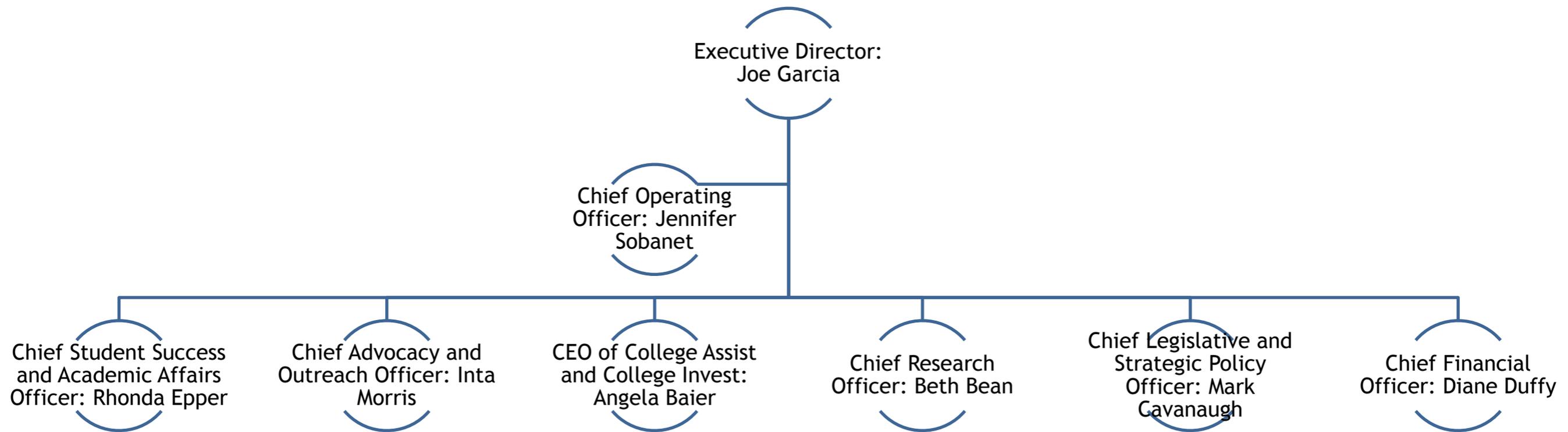
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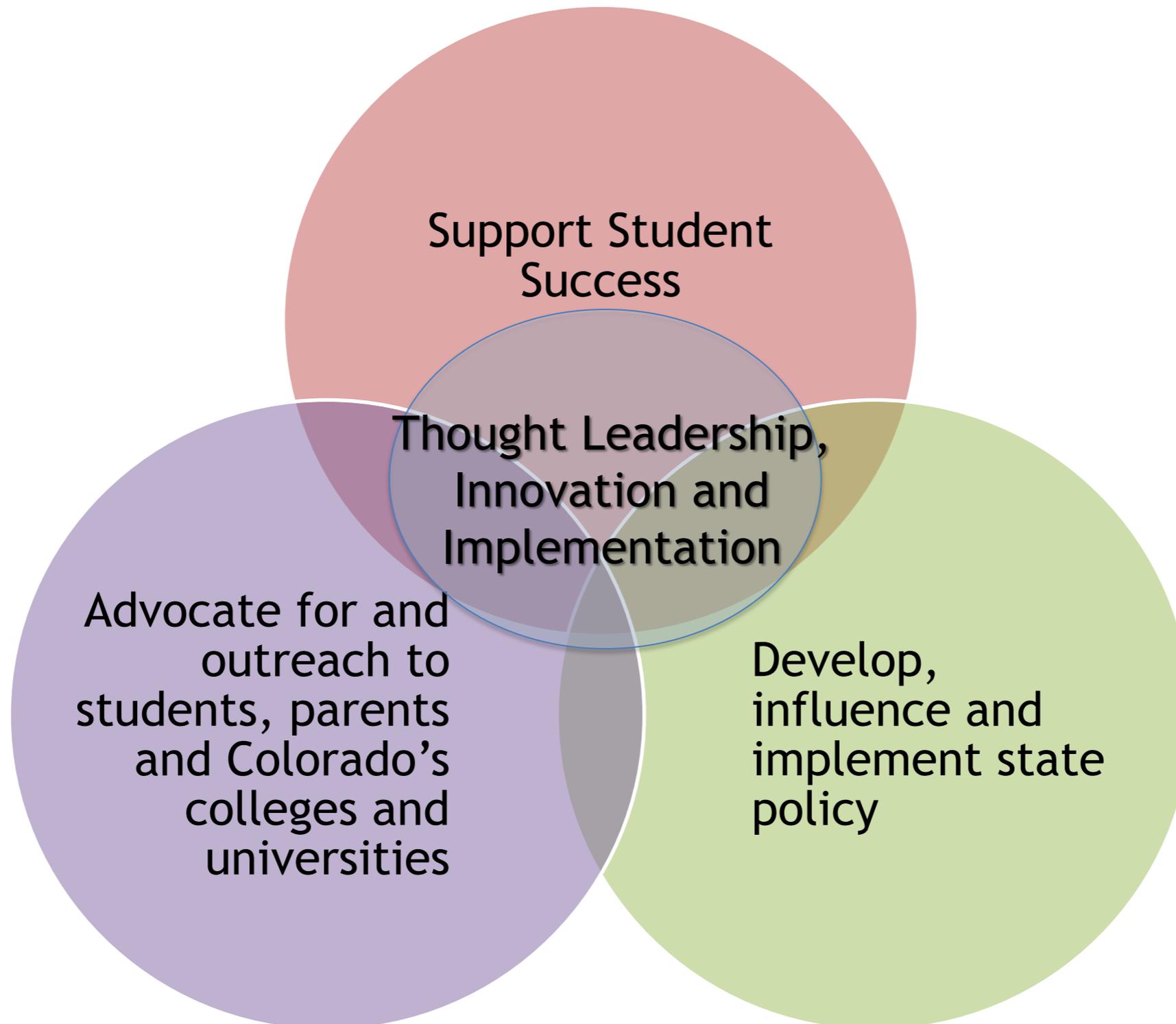
The mission of the Department of Higher Education is to improve the quality of, ensure the affordability of, and promote access to, post-secondary education for the people of Colorado.

In pursuing its mission, the Department of Higher Education will act as an advocate for the students and institutions of postsecondary education and will coordinate and, as needed, regulate the activities of the state's postsecondary education institutions.

CDHE Organizational Structure



DHE Strategic Priorities



The Colorado Commission on Higher Education

The state's central policy and coordinating board for higher education

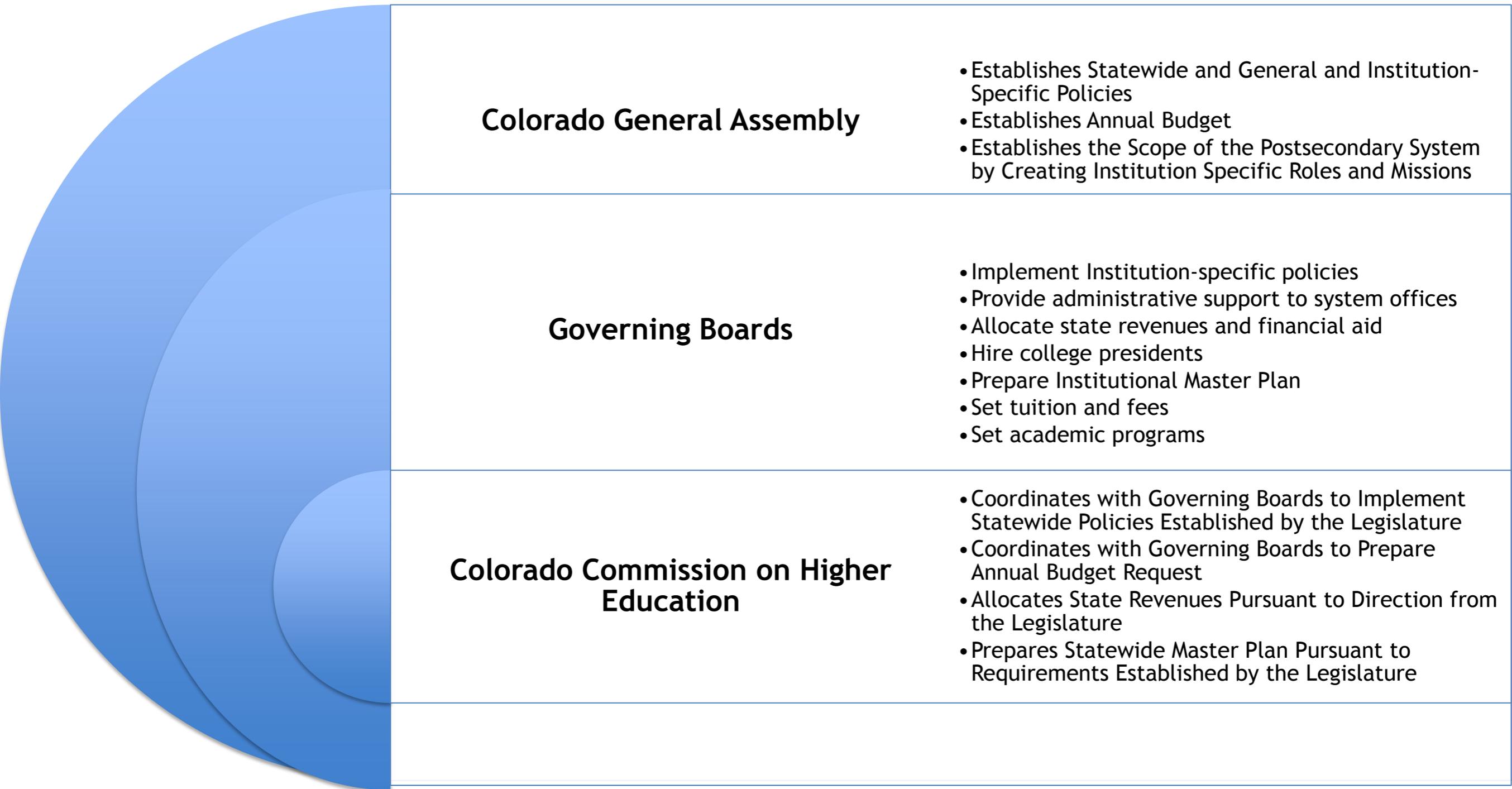
CCHE includes eleven members appointed by the Governor

- Four-year terms, with limit of two consecutive terms.
- At least one member from each congressional district, and at least one from west of the continental divide.

Advisory Committee includes 6 legislative representatives

- Plus: Faculty, Student, Non-profit Private, Institutional Finance, Academic Council, K-12 and Parent Advisory members

Higher Education Policy in Colorado



Higher Education in Colorado: Institutions

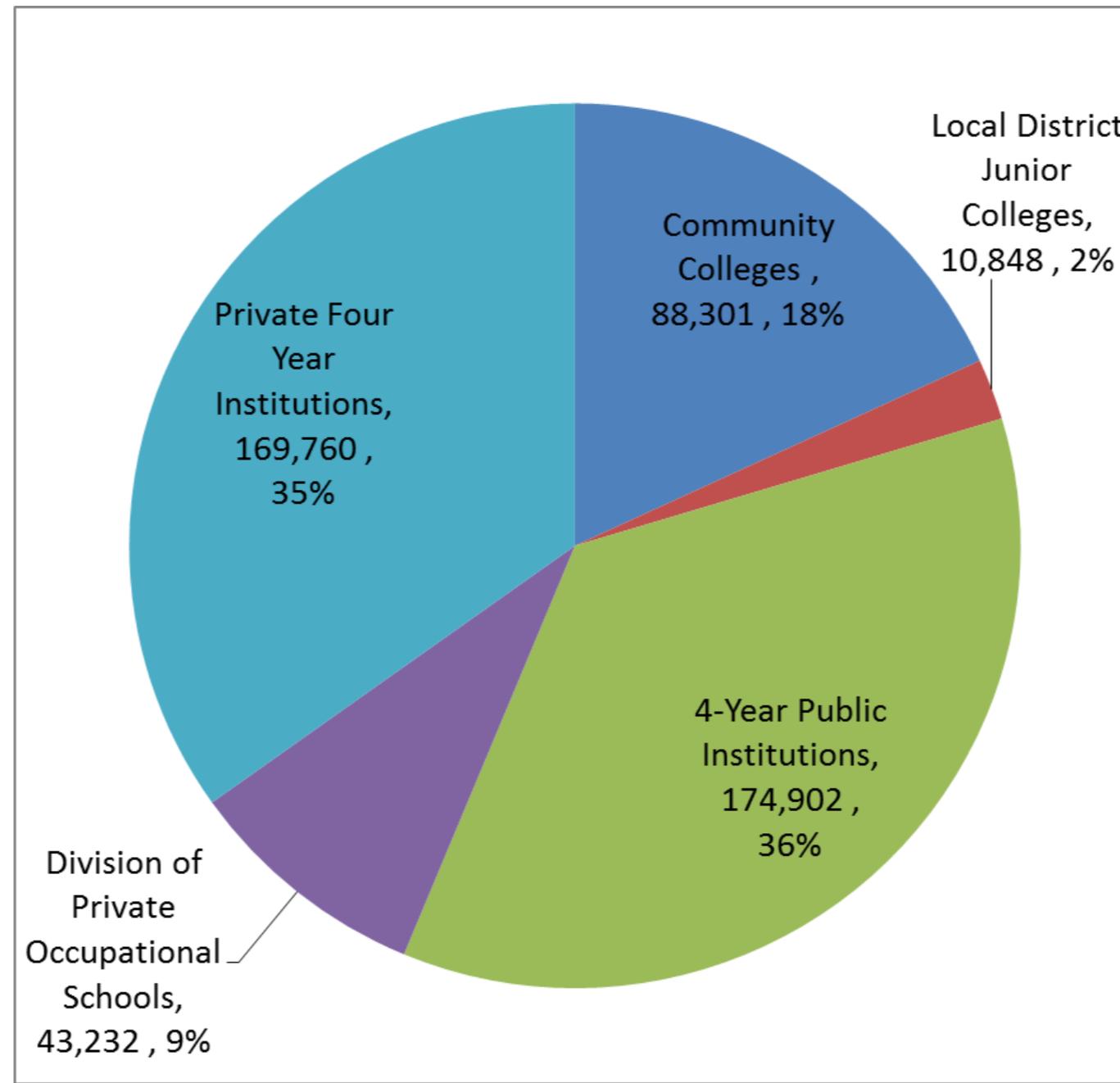
31 Public Institutions of Higher Education (established by the Colorado General Assembly and the Colorado Constitution)

- 13 four-year and research institutions
- 15 two-year public institutions
- 3 Area Vocational Schools/Colleges

Over 375 private occupational schools (Division of Private Occupational Schools, CRS 12-59-101 et seq)

Over 100 degree-granting private colleges and religious training institutions (Degree Authorization Act, CRS 23-2-101 et seq)

Higher Education in Colorado: Students (2013-14 enrollment headcount)



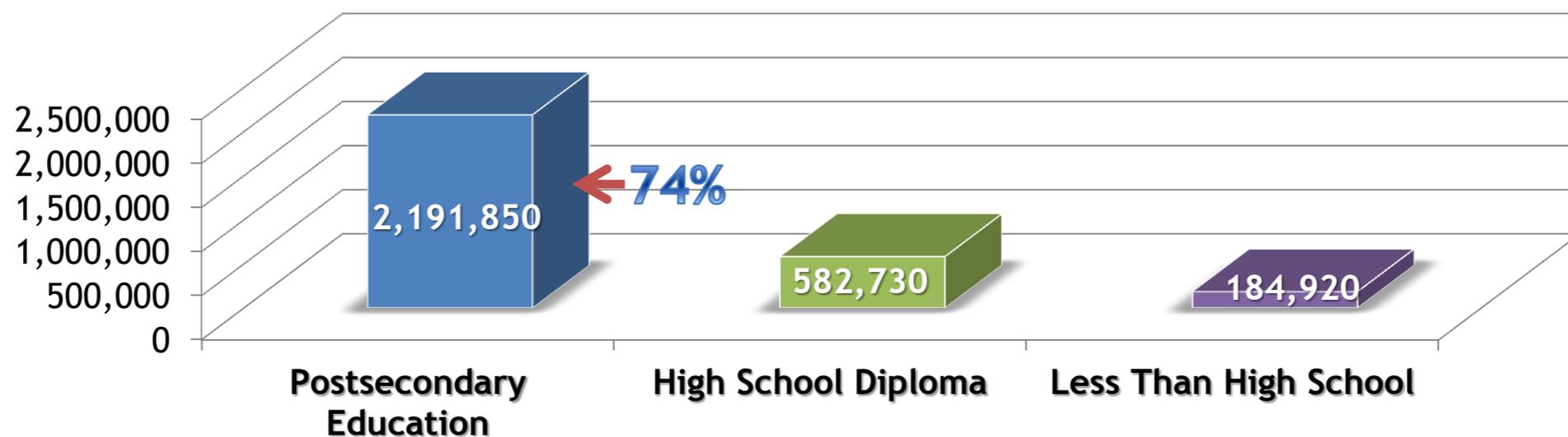
Future Labor Market in Colorado

The most recent projections indicate that by 2020, 74% of all of the jobs in Colorado will require some level of postsecondary education (3rd highest in the nation).

By contrast, the need for high school trained adults in Colorado is the second weakest in the nation (49th in the nation).

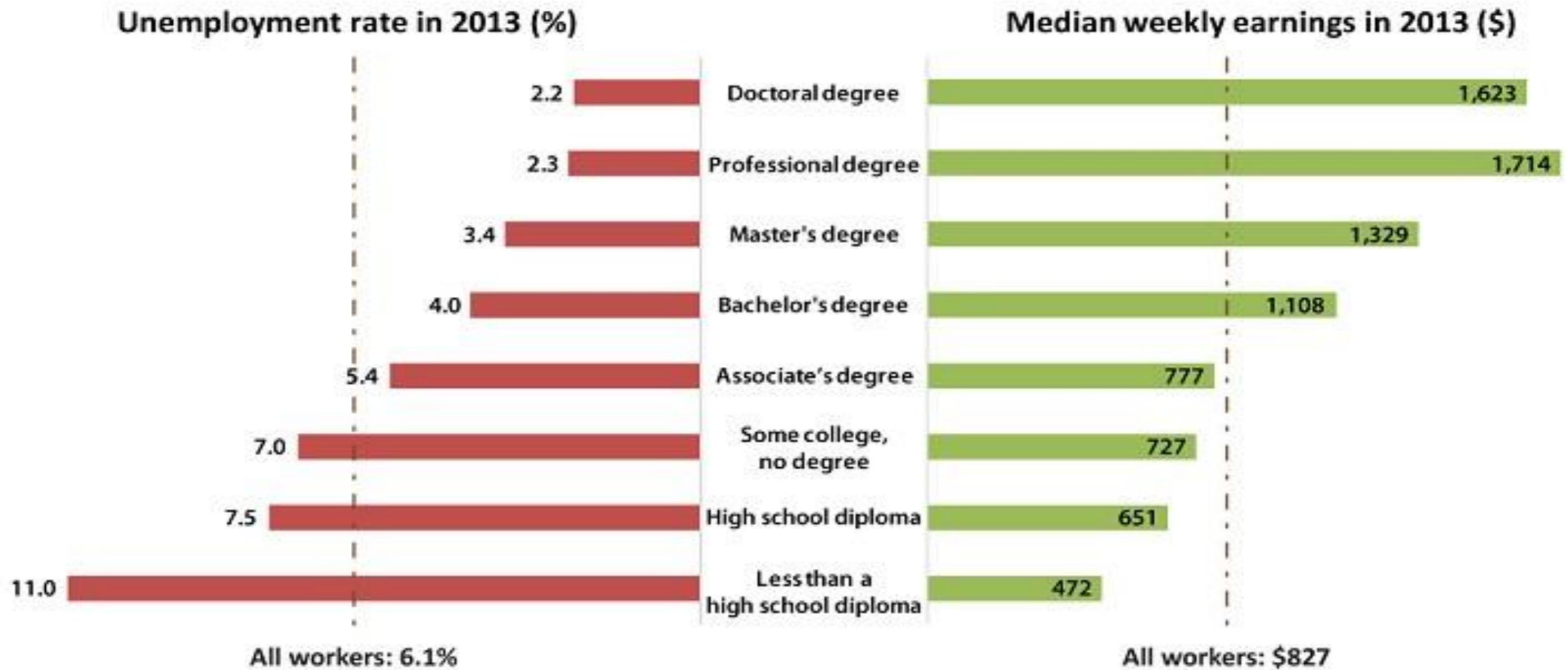
Unemployment rates are considerably lower for postsecondary degree holders demonstrating the demand for this level of education.

Future Education Levels Needed for Colorado Workforce, 2020



The Economic Impact of a Postsecondary Credential

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



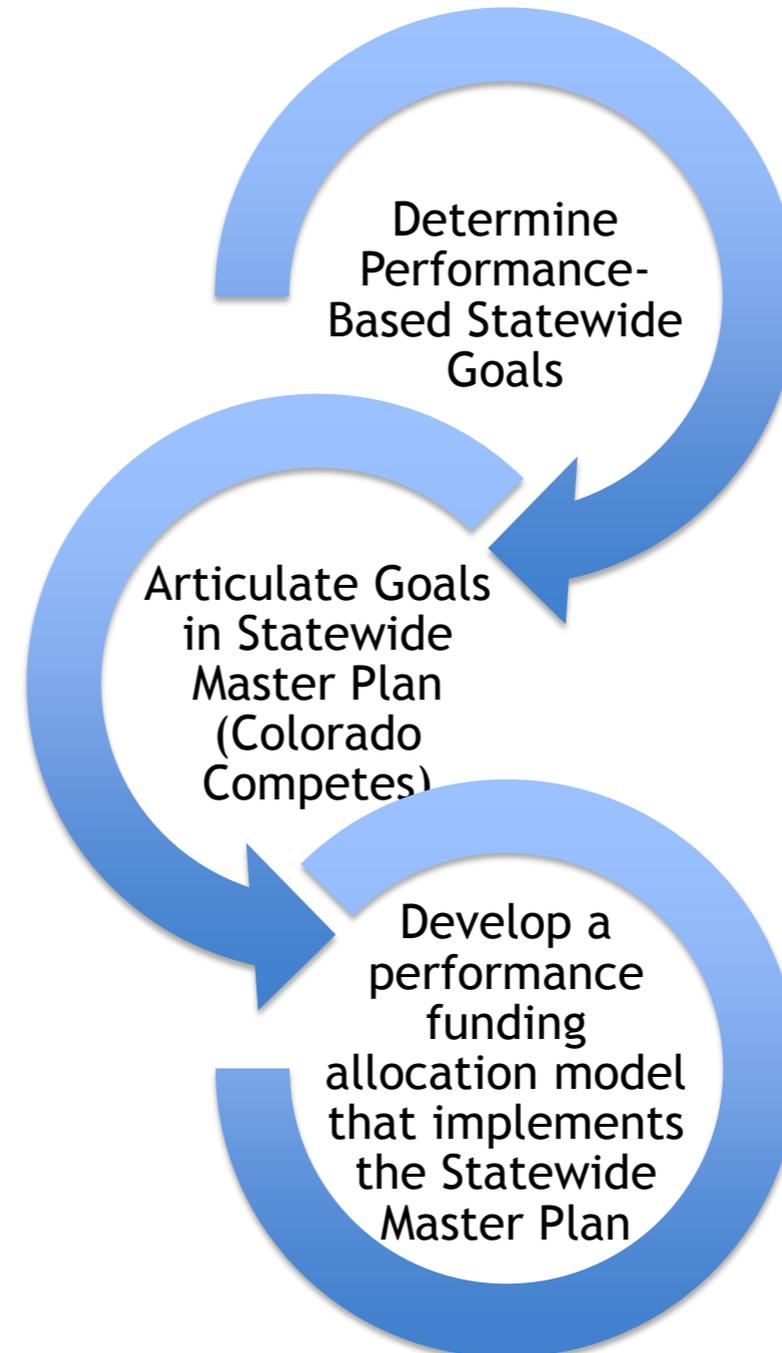
Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
 Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

CCHE Master Planning: Statewide Goals



“Colorado Competes” and the SMART Act: Linking Funding to Results

**Aligned House Bill 14-1319
with House Bill 13-1299
(SMART ACT)**



Goals in Master Plan Supported in H.B. 1319

Funding for higher education should be based on the needs of the state, the people of Colorado, and the students. *Section 1, Page 2, 23-18-301(1)(b)*

Ensure that tax dollars are being used to achieve state policy goals, higher education must be funded in a manner that is transparent and understandable. *Section 1, Page 3, 23-18-301(2)(a)*

To achieve state policy goals, performance metrics must be established that are consistent and predictable. *Section 1, Page 3, 23-18-301(2)(b)*

It is essential that Colorado make wise use of its investment in higher education to increase the number of Coloradans who have earned a high-quality postsecondary credential. *Section 1, Page 2, 23-18-301(1)(d)*

Colorado's limited state resources must be used in a way that provides incentives for state institutions of higher education to achieve the policy goals adopted by the General Assembly and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. *Section 1, Page 2, 23-18-301(1)(g)*

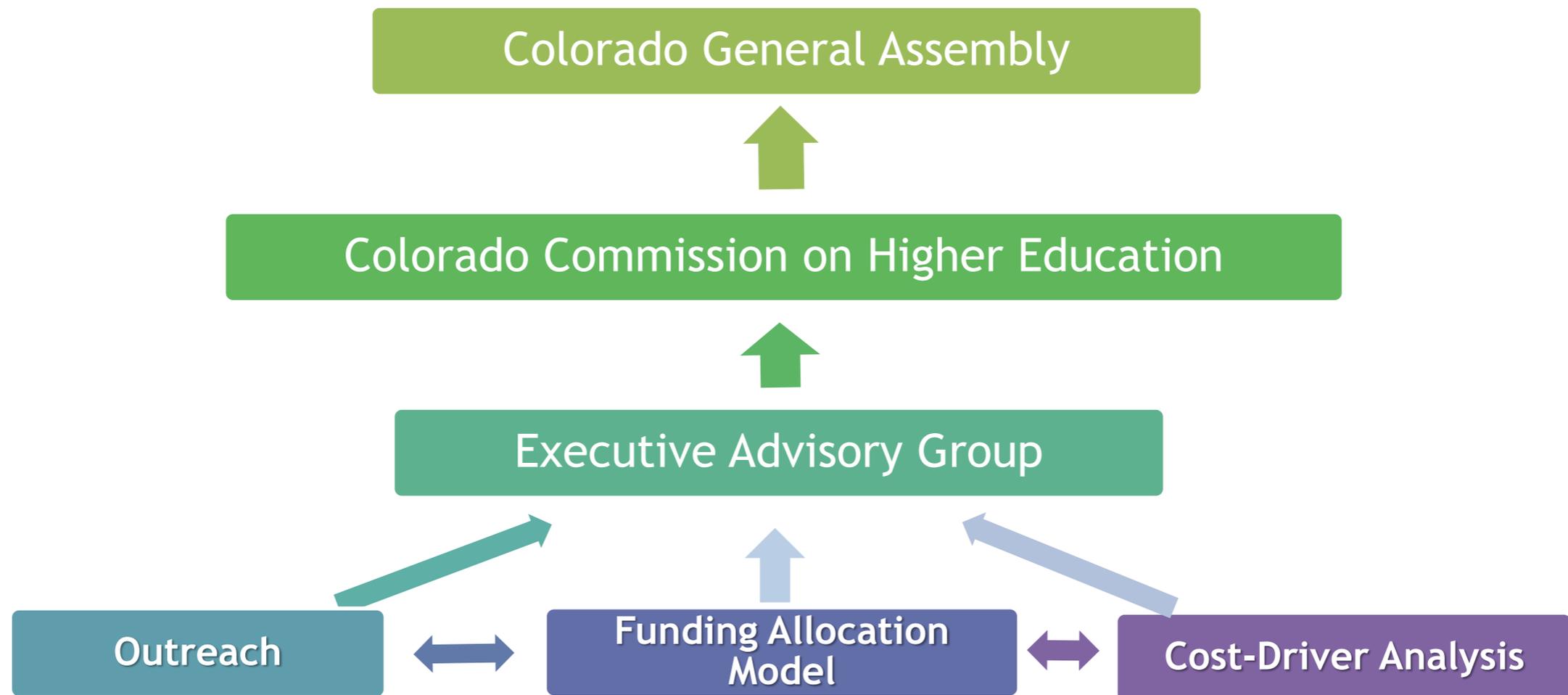
With a consistent and predictable funding model for higher education, state institutions of higher education will be able to engage in long-term financial planning that will benefit students through more predictable tuition and fees. *Section 1, Page 3, 23-18-301(2)(c)*

It is important that all Coloradans have access to affordable higher education and that higher education services are available in all geographic areas of the state. *Section 1, Page 2, 23-18-301(1)(e)*

It is critical that the rate of postsecondary participation by low-income Coloradans and minorities, who are currently underrepresented, be increased. *Section 1, Page 2, 23-18-301(1)(f)*

If higher education is funded in a manner that is transparent and understandable, Coloradans, and especially Colorado Taxpayers, will more easily understand the benefit realized from Colorado's investment in its higher education system. *Section 1, Page 3, 23-18-301(2)(d)*

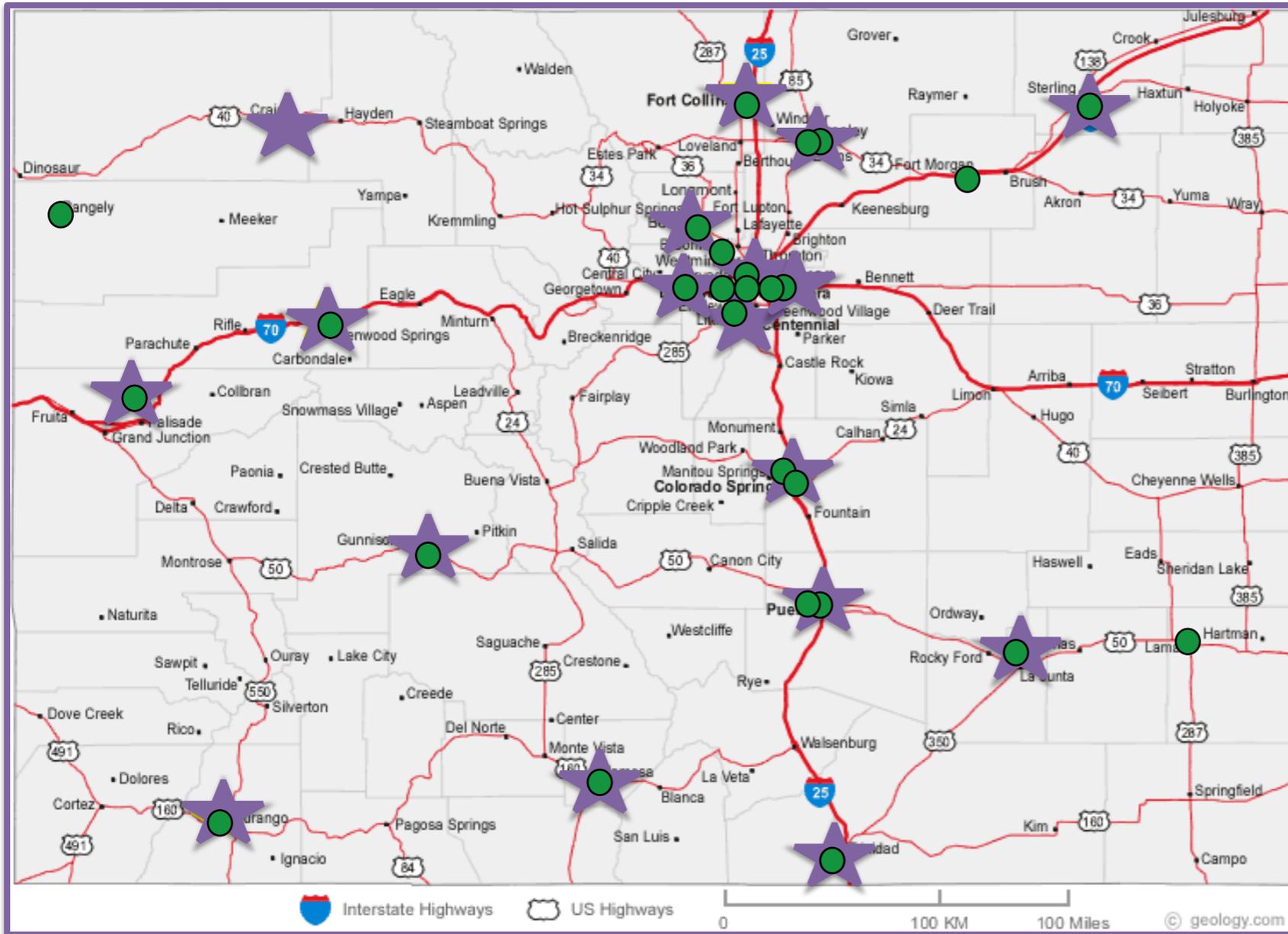
1319: Project Process



Iterative Process Throughout:

- Expert Teams worked at the granular level.
- Recommendations made to EAG and CCHE.
- Feedback from EAG and CCHE incorporated into Expert Team discussions, deliberations, and final recommendations

1319: Feedback from Public Education and Outreach



Affordability

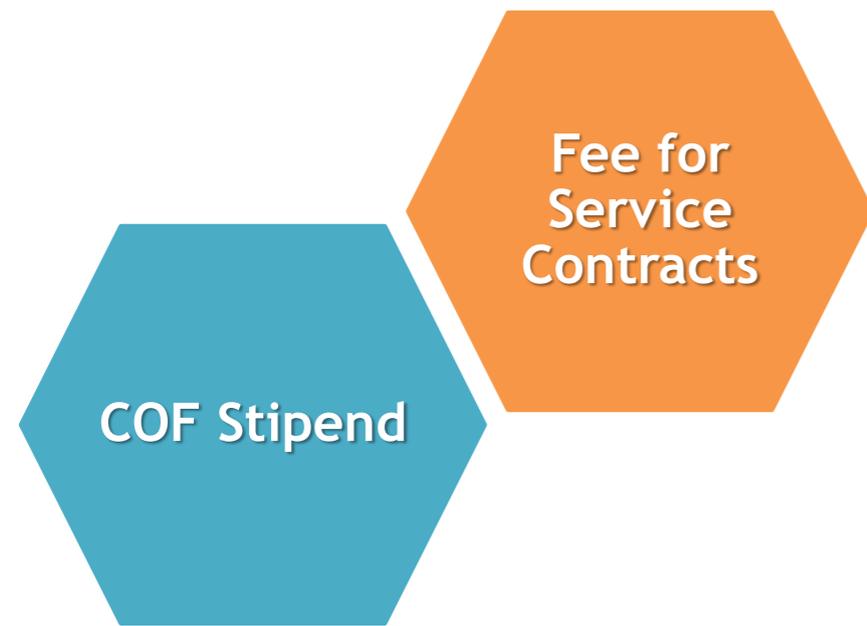
Increasing Completions

Providing Needed Services to Low Income and Under Represented Minority Students

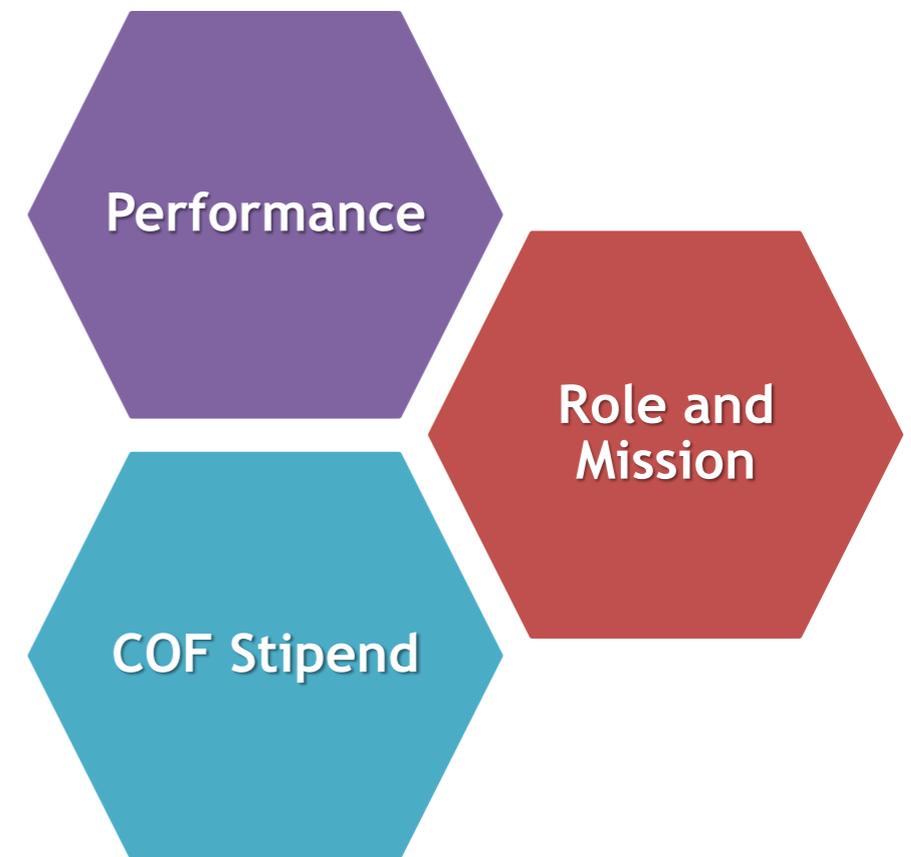
Access to higher education in all geographic areas of the state

- ★ Location of public education and outreach meeting
- Public Institution of Higher Education (main campus)

Higher Education Finance in Colorado: Before and After 1319

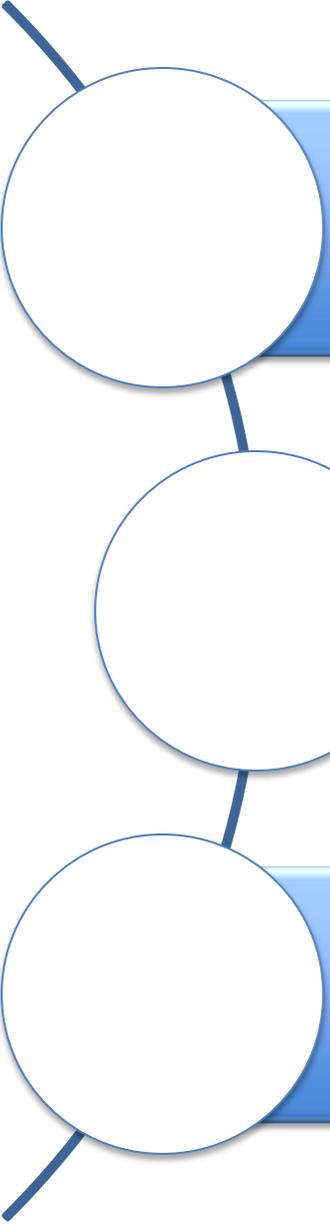


Before: 2004-2014



After: 2014

1319: Incentivizing Performance

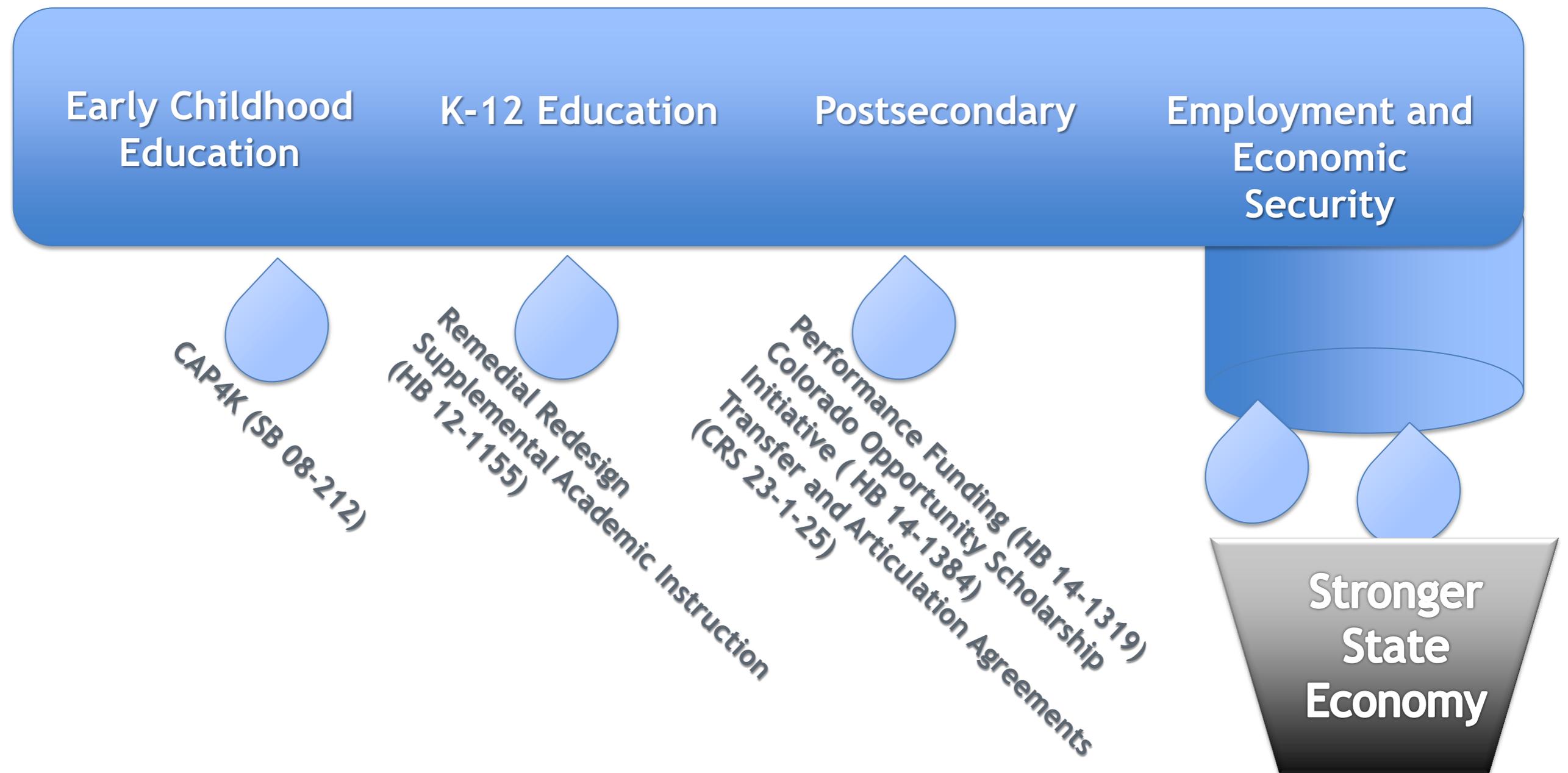


Increases postsecondary credential attainment by rewarding institutions for the credentials granted

Improves student success and outcomes by rewarding student retention/progress

Encourages institutions to increase the number of low-income and minority students served.

DHE Tools/Programs to Help Reach the Goal



Funding for Public Institutions of Higher Education

Total: \$75.6 million General Fund Increase
(Based on two components):

SB14-001- \$60.6 million (10%) for continuation of the 6.0
percent or lower tuition cap

HB14-1319 - \$15.0 million for five-year implementation
“guard-rail”/performance transition

Additional Higher Education Budget Request

College Opportunity
Scholarship Initiative

\$30.0 million General Fund

Maintain DHE Data and
Research Functions

\$0.2 million
Reappropriated Funds

Geologic Hazard Mitigation,
Colorado Geological Survey
at CSM

\$0.1 million General Fund

Fort Lewis Native American
Waiver

\$1.1 million General Fund

Let DHE be a resource to you

Do you have questions?

Are you looking for data or additional resources?

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