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CCHE to Consider Higher Ed Ballot Initiatives

At its regular monthly meeting on June 5th, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) will receive public comment and consider taking a position on two initiated measures affecting higher education in Colorado that may appear on the November 2008 ballot.

“As the state’s central policy and coordinating board for higher education,” commented CCHE Chairman Jim Polsfut, “this is an excellent opportunity for the CCHE to discuss initiatives which have the potential to influence the direction of our public institutions well into the future.”

The Colorado Promise Scholarship initiative would provide scholarships for resident students attending public institutions of higher education and be funded through elimination of a special tax credit available to oil and gas companies to reduce their severance tax liability.

The Limited Gaming/Community College initiative would increase the hours of operation, raise minimum betting amounts, and permit additional games to be played at casinos, with increased tax revenue going primarily to the Colorado Community College System.

These initiatives significantly address issues of access, the cost of a college education and budgetary concerns facing institutions of public higher education in the state.

Proponents and opponents of the initiatives are being invited to attend the meeting and share their views with the Commission. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Commission on these issues, it may be necessary to limit individual presentations to five minutes.

Meeting Location: Colorado Community College System Office
President’s Room (Bldg. 9)
9101 E. Lowry Blvd.
Denver, CO 80230

Time: 10:00 am – the hearing on the initiatives will follow other business on the Commission’s agenda and likely will not begin before 10:45.

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