

TITLE: Discussion of Recommendations on SJR 98 Study

DESCRIPTION: CPE staff will review the findings and recommendations conducted in response to Senate Joint Resolution 98 (2023), however no action will be taken at the work session.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Senate Joint Resolution 98 (2023) directed CPE to complete a comprehensive study of Kentucky postsecondary education by December 1, 2023. The study charged the Council to address the following areas:

1. The structure of higher education governance in the Commonwealth, including recommendations on potential changes needed to the state's postsecondary governance structure that would be essential to meet identified needs and result in improved delivery of postsecondary educational services to students.
2. The potential impact and feasibility of establishing a regional, residential, four-year public university in southeastern Kentucky.
3. The feasibility and potential programmatic and fiscal impacts of having KCTCS continue to be responsible for technical education programs but transferring responsibility for traditional academic subjects to the regional universities.

A combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to analyze each of the SJR 98 study areas. The study was conducted by Council staff and consultants from Ernst and Young.

REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 2 of the resolution states that the "President of the Council on Postsecondary Education shall report the comprehensive study required by Section 1 of this Joint Resolution with findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission to be distributed to the relevant subject matter committees, including but not limited to the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment and the Interim Joint Committee on Education by December 1, 2023."