

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Legislative Update

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EXPLANATION:

The 74th General Assembly convened on January 9th and is now halfway through the 120-day legislative session. In late February, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) started figure setting for various departments. Figure setting for higher education is anticipated to occur in early March. With the quarterly Revenue Forecasts, set to debut in mid-March, the JBC will finalize the state budget, referred to as the “Long Bill,” in late-March and it will then go through the legislative process in April.

Update on CCCS Capital Projects:

On Wednesday, Feb. 15th, both the Capital Development Committee (CDC) and the Joint Technology Committee (JTC) submitted their respective funding recommendations for FY-24 projects to the JBC.

CDC’s prioritization yielded recommendations for funding two CCCS projects and funding for all nine of CCCS’s level one controlled maintenance projects. The JTC’s prioritization yielded recommendations for funding three CCCS projects. The following tables list prioritized projects.

CCCS projects prioritized for funding by the CDC:

CDC Rank	Institution	Project	Phase	CCF	CF	Total Cost for FY-24
6	NJC	Applied Technology Campus Expansion and Remodel	2 of 2	\$5,725,500	\$ 500,000	\$6,225,500
9	LCC	Bowman Building Renovation (Capital Renewal)	2 of 2	\$ 5,850,030	\$0	\$5,850,030

CCF: Capital Construction Fund (i.e., State General Funds)

CF: Cash Fund

CCCS level one controlled maintenance projects prioritized by the CDC:

Institution	Project	CCF
FRCC	Rehabilitate Elevators, Westminster Campus	\$1,305,000
CCA	Upgrade Fire Alarm System, Four Buildings	\$1,651,490
MCC	Upgrade Campus-wide Safety and Security	\$1,988,239
ACC	Upgrade Temperature Controls, Main and Annex Buildings	\$1,942,026
TSC	Install Boiler System and Upgrade Associated Building Automation System, Berg	\$900,526
CCCS-Lowry	Replace Chiller, Building 758	\$974,560
PPSC	Replace Sewer Vent Pipes and Upgrade Restrooms, Downtown Studio Campus, North Building	\$1,487,200
RRCC	Replace East Wing Roof, Lakewood Campus	\$1,897,913
OC	Repair and Replace Roofs, Kiva and Wheeler Buildings	\$748,468
Total		\$12,895,422

CCCS projects prioritized for funding by the JTC:

JTC Rank	Institution	Project	Phase	CCF	CF	Total Cost for FY-24
10	FRCC	Network and IT Security Upgrade	1 of 1	\$3,420,000	\$380,000	\$3,800,000
12	CCD	Classroom and Conference Room Technology	3 of 3	\$1,627,899	\$103,908	\$1,731,807
14	CCA	Improving Server Room	1 of 1	\$814,740	\$71,093	\$885,833

Under the Dome:

CCCS lobbyists will give the Board a brief summary of happenings Under the Dome and provide insight on bills and initiatives on the horizon affecting higher education.

Bills being monitored by CCCS:

As of March 6th, over 400 bills have been introduced and CCCS is tracking 41 bills. The table below lists bills that CCCS is tracking.

#	Bill (w/ link to bill page on GA website)	Status
Passed		
1	HB23-1007 Higher Education Crisis And Suicide Prevention	Passed
2	HB23-1064 Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	Passed
3	SB23-118 Department of Higher Education Supplemental	Passed
4	SB23-135 Capital Construction Supplemental	Passed
5	SB23-141 General Fund Transfers For Capital Construction	Passed
6	SB23-142 Information Technology Project Appropriation Process	Passed
7	SB23-051 Conforming Workforce Development Statutes	Passed
Postponed Indefinitely		
8	HB23-1063 Reduction Of State Income Tax Rate	Lost
9	HB23-1083 Qualified Higher Education Expenses Aviation Training	Lost
10	HB23-1092 Limiting Use Of State Money	Lost
11	HB23-1144 Public Employees' Retirement Association Defined Benefit Plan Payments To Ex-spouse	Lost
Under Construction		
12	HB23-1001 Expanding Assistance For Educator Programs	UC
13	HB23-1006 Employer Notice Of Income Tax Credits	UC
14	HB23-1037 Department Of Corrections Earned Time For College Program Completion	UC
15	HB23-1057 Amenities For All Genders In Public Buildings	UC
16	HB23-1074 Study Workforce Transitions To Other Industries	UC
17	HB23-1078 Unemployment Compensation Dependent Allowance	UC
18	HB23-1093 Higher Education Staff Sabbaticals	UC
19	HB23-1124 Funding For Services For Colorado Employment First Participants	UC
20	HB23-1212 Promotion Of Apprenticeships	UC
21	SB23-003 Colorado Adult High School Program	UC
22	SB23-005 Forestry and Wildlife Mitigation Workforce	UC
23	SB23-006 Creation Of The Rural Opportunity Office	UC
24	SB23-007 Adult Education	UC
25	SB23-031 Improve Health-care Access For Older Coloradans	UC
26	SB23-048 Non-tenured Track Faculty	UC
27	SB23-051 Conforming Workforce Development Statutes	UC
28	SB23-053 Restrict Governmental Nondisclosure Agreements	UC
29	SB23-058 Job Application Fairness Act	UC
30	SB23-065 Career Development Success Program	UC
31	SB23-084 Full-time Employment For Higher Education Faculty	UC
32	SB23-086 Student Leaders Institute	UC
33	SB23-087 Teacher Degree Apprenticeship Program	UC
34	SB23-096 In-State Tuition Classification Institution Of Higher Education	UC
35	SB23-105 Ensure Equal Pay For Equal Work	UC
36	SB23-111 Public Employees' Workplace Protection	UC

37	SB23-146 Colorado Apprenticeship Directory Information	UC
38	SB23-149 Higher Education Student Financial Aid For Youth Mentors	UC
39	SB23-170 Extreme Risk Protection Order Petitioners	UC
40	SB23-171 Large Entertainment Facility Substance-free Seating Requirement	UC
41	SB23-172 Protecting Opportunities And Workers' Rights Act	UC

RECOMMENDATION:

No Board action required.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None