

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC:** 2022 Legislative Session Report

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## EXPLANATION:

The legislative session convened on January 12<sup>th</sup> and is on track to conclude on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. In late March, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) finalized the state budget, referred to as the “Long Bill.” With federal ARPA funding and higher than expected revenue collections, this is the second year in a row that the JBC has had more flexibility to increase funding for higher education, capital construction, controlled maintenance, and IT projects – making this another good year for CCCS project requests and other funding-related items.

The JBC approved \$105.3 million to higher education institutions for FY-23, equating to a 11.4% increase above last year’s appropriation, and flexibility for tuition increases up to 2 percent. Approximately \$27.8 million will be allocated to CCCS.

With regard to capital requests, the JBC approved \$46.9 million for five CCCS college capital construction projects, \$28.8 million for controlled maintenance needs, and \$10.8 million for three college IT projects. See table below for list of college projects approved for funding.

College	Type	Project Description	FY-23 Total Cost
CCD	CC	Boulder Creek Health Education Center of Excellence (Phase 3 of 3 – Continuation Project)	\$22.9M
TSC	CC	Freudenthal Library Renovation (Phase 2 of 2 – Continuation Project)	\$1.2M
NJC	CC	Applied Technology Campus Expansion and Remodel (Phase 1 of 2; \$12.5M, \$4.1M out year)	\$12.5M
LCC	CC	Bowman Building Capital Renewal Project (Phase 1 of 2; \$3.9M, \$5.8M out year)	\$3.9M
PCC	CC	Dental Hygiene Growth/Expansion	\$6.3M
CCD	IT	Classroom and Conference Room Technology (Phase 2 of 3 – Continuation Project)	\$1.6M

CNCC, LCC, MCC, NJC, OC, and TSC	IT	Rural College Consortium for IT Infrastructure	\$8.6M
CCA	IT	Improving Student Access to Technology	\$529,915

**Update on CCCS-initiated bills:**

**LPN-to-BSN Bridge Program**

[SB22-003 “Community College Nursing Bachelor Degree Eligibility”](#) passed both the House and Senate Chambers unanimously and on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Governor Polis signed the bill in a signing ceremony. The bill includes a petition clause, meaning the legislation will officially become law 90 days after the Governor’s signature.

The legislation will allow CCCS colleges, as well as Aims Community College, to offer a streamlined and cost-effective pathway for licensed practical nurse (LPN) students to earn a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Bill sponsors included Senators Janet Bucker and Kerry Donovan, and Representatives Kyle Mullica and Tony Exum.

**Pikes Peak Community College Name Change**

[HB22-1280 “Pikes Peak Community College Name Change”](#) was introduced on March 4<sup>th</sup> and assigned to House Education Committee. The bill seeks to change the name of Pikes Peak Community College to “Pikes Peak State College.” This effort is being led by PPCC leadership and has tremendous support from their campus and local community. The intent of the legislation is to support PPCC’s efforts to modernize their name and increase their value-perception among students and employers, and to effectively market the institution to help foster enrollment growth, build partnerships, and increase overall competitiveness in the Colorado Springs region. The proposed legislation would not change PPCC’s role and mission.

Bill sponsors: Representatives Marc Snyder and Tony Exum; Senators Paul Lundeen and Pete Lee

**HB 22-1280 Status:**

- 03/24/22 Passed House Education Committee unanimously, 9-0.
- 03/29/22 Passed the House Chamber, 64-1.
- 04/07/22 Calendared for Senate Education Committee.

### Approved Ballot Initiative:

Dozens of initiatives have been filed and are under review by the Secretary of State's Office. So far, one initiative has been approved for the 2022 election, [Initiative #31, State Income Tax Rate Reduction](#). The measure would reduce the state income tax rate for individuals and corporations from 4.55% to 4.41%. According to Legislative Council Staff, the measure decreases state General Fund revenue by an estimated \$572.1 million in FY 2022-23 and \$397.9 million for FY 2023-24, with ongoing decreases in later years, [fiscal impact statement linked here](#).

If passed by voters, this will indirectly impact CCCS via less General Fund revenue available for higher education in the future.

### Lobbyist Report:

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

### Bills Monitored by CCCS:

Of the 558 bills that have been introduced so far, CCCS is monitoring 47 bills. The table below lists bills that CCCS is monitoring as of 4/7/2022.

#	Bill with link to General Assembly webpage	Status
<b>Passed</b>		
1	<a href="#">HB22-1049 Prohibiting Transcript And Diploma Withholding</a>	Passed
2	<a href="#">HB22-1174 Department of Higher Education Supplemental</a>	Passed
3	<a href="#">HB22-1184 Capital Construction Supplemental</a>	Passed
4	<a href="#">HB22-1185 Capital Construction Information Technology Supplemental</a>	Passed
5	<a href="#">HB22-1192 Displaced Workers Grant Appropriation</a>	Passed
6	<a href="#">HB22-1193 Fund Just Transition Coal Workforce Programs</a>	Passed
7	<a href="#">HB22-1196 Pay Equity Study</a>	Passed
8	<a href="#">HB22-1266 State Employee Total Compensation Philosophy</a>	Passed
9	<a href="#">SB22-003 Community College Nursing Bachelor Degree Eligibility</a>	Passed
10	<a href="#">SB22-013 Boards And Commissions</a>	Passed
11	<a href="#">SB22-056 UNC Osteopathic Medicine Degrees</a>	Passed
12	<a href="#">SB22-115 Clarifying Terms Related To Landowner Liability</a>	Passed
13	<a href="#">SB22-121 Tuition Revenue Pledged By Institution Higher Education</a>	Passed
<b>Postponed Indefinitely</b>		
14	<a href="#">HB22-1144 Naturally Acquired Immunity COVID-19</a>	Pl'd
15	<a href="#">SB22-088 Tuition Assistance For Building Trade Certificates</a>	Pl'd

16	<a href="#">SB22-109 Prohibit Labor Actions Against Public Employers</a>	PI'd
<b>Under Construction</b>		
17	<a href="#">HB22-1002 Fifth Year High School Concurrent Enrollment</a>	UC
18	<a href="#">HB22-1009 Continue Workforce Diploma Pilot Program</a>	UC
19	<a href="#">HB22-1010 Early Childhood Educator Income Tax Credit</a>	UC
20	<a href="#">HB22-1029 Compensatory Direct Distribution To Public Employees' Retirement Association</a>	UC
21	<a href="#">HB22-1107 Inclusive Higher Education Opportunities</a>	UC
22	<a href="#">HB22-1119 Colorado False Claims Act</a>	UC
23	<a href="#">HB22-1129 General Fund Surplus Rebates To Taxpayers</a>	UC
24	<a href="#">HB22-1155 In-state Tuition For Colorado High School Graduates</a>	UC
25	<a href="#">HB22-1215 Study Of Expanding Extended High School Programs</a>	UC
26	<a href="#">HB22-1220 Removing Barriers To Educator Preparation</a>	UC
27	<a href="#">HB22-1234 Preventing Identity-based Violence Grant Program</a>	UC
28	<a href="#">HB22-1235 Sunset Continue Regulation Of Veterinary Practice</a>	UC
29	<a href="#">HB22-1240 Mandatory Reporters</a>	UC
30	<a href="#">HB22-1255 Improve Higher Education For Students With A Disability</a>	UC
31	<a href="#">HB22-1280 Pikes Peak Community College Name Change</a>	UC
32	<a href="#">HB22-1329 2022-23 Long Bill</a>	UC
33	<a href="#">HB22-1337 State Personnel Director's Compensation Report</a>	UC
34	<a href="#">HB22-1340 Capital-related Transfers Of Money</a>	UC
35	<a href="#">HB22-1349 Postsecondary Student Success Data System</a>	UC
36	<a href="#">HB22-1350 Regional Talent Development Initiative Grant Program</a>	UC
37	<a href="#">SB22-004 Evidence-based Training In Science Of Reading</a>	UC
38	<a href="#">SB22-008 Higher Education Support For Foster Youth</a>	UC
39	<a href="#">SB22-058 Dental Hygienists Peer Health Assistance Program</a>	UC
40	<a href="#">SB22-130 State Entity Authority For Public-private Partnerships</a>	UC
41	<a href="#">SB22-139 Juneteenth New State Holiday</a>	UC
42	<a href="#">SB22-140 Expansion Of Experiential Learning Opportunities</a>	UC
43	<a href="#">SB22-145 Resources To Increase Community Safety</a>	UC
44	<a href="#">SB22-163 Establish State Procurement Equity Program</a>	UC
45	<a href="#">SB22-165 Colorado Career Advisor Training Program</a>	UC
46	<a href="#">SB22-181 Behavioral Health-care Workforce</a>	UC
47	<a href="#">SB22-192 Opportunities For Credential Attainment</a>	UC

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No action required.