

The House Committee on Higher Education

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9:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on January 26, 2016, the House Committee on Higher Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Zerwas, at 9:06 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Zerwas; Howard; Alonzo; Clardy; Crownover; Martinez, "Mando"; Morrison; Raney; and Turner, Chris.

A quorum was present.

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Review the state's community college system, including a discussion of taxing districts, service areas and any barriers to access. Examine the governance structure to ensure that campuses in multi campus districts that are outside of a college taxing district receive fair and equitable treatment. Review the accounting and reporting requirements of community college districts to ensure open government and transparency.

(Representative Schubert was also in attendance.)

(Representative Stephenson was also in attendance.)

(Representative Leach was also in attendance.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Study ways community colleges could offer accessible and affordable baccalaureate degree programs in areas where the state has a significant workforce shortage without compromising quality of education and training. Make recommendations to maximize efficient student pathways and to offer more affordable educational opportunities such as through dual credit and early college start programs.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 2:43 p.m., on the motion of Representative Howard and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Zerwas, Chair

Cameron Cocke, Clerk