

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Higher Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Thursday, February 11, 2016
PLACE: E2.012
CHAIR: Rep. John Zerwas

The committee will meet to consider the following:

Interim Charge 2

- 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.

- 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.

Invited testimony will be followed by public testimony. Public testimony may be limited to 3-5 minutes.

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