

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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February 5, 2026

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1006 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 25 through 27.

2 Page 4, strike line 1 and substitute:

3         "(c) "LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES" MEANS THE INCOME EARNINGS  
4 OF STUDENTS UPON POSTSECONDARY-EDUCATION COMPLETION  
5 CATEGORIZED BY DEGREE USING EXISTING STATE OR FEDERAL DATA  
6 ALREADY COLLECTED OR MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.".

7 Page 5, strike lines 12 through 16 and substitute:

8         "(4)(a) FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INITIAL THRIVING  
9 INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS AND THE OUTCOME STANDARDS USED TO  
10 INFORM THE THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS AS REQUIRED BY  
11 SUBSECTION (5)OF THIS SECTION, AND WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE  
12 ANNUAL PUBLIC RELEASE OF ENROLLMENT, RETENTION, AND GRADUATION  
13 DATA FROM EACH STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN 2027 AND  
14 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT, WITH INPUT FROM THE  
15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED  
16 MEETINGS FOR THAT CALENDAR YEAR, SHALL:".

17 Page 6, strike lines 25 through 27 and substitute:

18         "(a) RELY EXCLUSIVELY ON EXISTING STATE OR FEDERAL DATA  
19 COLLECTED OR MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND NOT REQUIRE NEW  
20 DATA ELEMENTS, NEW DATA COLLECTION, DATA MATCHING, OR  
21 DATA-SHARING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCIES  
22 OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.".

1 Page 7, strike lines 6 through 13 and substitute:

2 "(d) AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE EXISTING DATA CONCERNING  
3 STUDENT PROGRESSION AND SUCCESS, SUCH AS DEGREE COMPLETION,  
4 RETENTION, AND LABOR MARKET OUTCOMES.

5 (6) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
6 CONVENE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THRIVING INSTITUTION  
7 OUTCOMES. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE  
8 DURING THE 2027 CALENDAR YEAR TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE INITIAL  
9 THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS AND THE OUTCOME STANDARDS  
10 USED TO INFORM THE THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS. ONCE THIS  
11 PURPOSE IS FULFILLED, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ONLY IF  
12 NEW THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS NEED TO BE ADDED OR IF THE  
13 COMMISSION PROPOSES MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE OUTCOME STANDARDS  
14 USED TO INFORM THE THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS.".

15 Page 7, after line 22 insert:

16 "(V) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION THAT RECEIVED A HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION  
18 DESIGNATION FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON  
19 OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025;

20 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
21 EDUCATION THAT RECEIVED A FIRST GENERATION-SERVING INSTITUTION  
22 DESIGNATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025;

23 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
24 EDUCATION WITH A POPULATION OF PELL-ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATE  
25 STUDENTS GREATER THAN THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE;

26 (VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
27 EDUCATION THAT HAS A POPULATION OF ADULT LEARNERS AND TRANSFER  
28 STUDENTS THAT IS GREATER THAN THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE;

29 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COLORADO BUSINESS  
30 COMMUNITY WITH EXPERIENCE IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OR  
31 EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT RELATED TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
32 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT;".

33 Rerumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

34 Page 8, after line 7 insert:

35 "(c) MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY  
36 SATISFY MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES DETAILED IN SUBSECTION

1 (5)(b) OF THIS SECTION.".

2 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

3 Page 8, strike lines 12 through 21 and substitute "THEREAFTER, THE  
4 DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE THRIVING  
5 INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS IN EFFECT, THE OUTCOME STANDARDS USED  
6 TO INFORM THE THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS, AND ANY NEW  
7 THRIVING INSTITUTION DESIGNATIONS ADDED OR MATERIAL CHANGES  
8 MADE TO THE OUTCOME STANDARDS FOR THAT CALENDAR YEAR. THE  
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE REPORT IN IT'S "SMART ACT"  
10 HEARING, REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.".

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