

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 25, 2026  
Date

Committee on Education.

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

HB26-1317 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 6, after "workforce development," insert
- 2 "adult education,".
  
- 3 Page 2, after line 12 insert:
- 4 "(d) Adult learners, trainees, and job seekers may need to enter or
- 5 reenter the workforce system from diverse points in their lives based on
- 6 current needs and life status;".
  
- 7 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
  
- 8 Page 2, line 15, after "training programs," insert "21 adult education
- 9 programs,".
  
- 10 Page 3, line 8, strike "and".
  
- 11 Page 3, after line 8, insert:
- 12 "(j) Reimagining our workforce system should include
- 13 consideration of the connection between health and human services
- 14 programs and workforce programs; and".
  
- 15 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.
  
- 16 Page 5, strike lines 12 and 13 and substitute:
- 17 "(VII) A FACULTY MEMBER OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
- 18 EDUCATION WHOSE PRIMARY DUTIES INCLUDE TEACHING OR DIRECT
- 19 INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS;".
  
- 20 Page 6, line 3, strike "AND".

- 1 Page 6, line 5, after "ORGANIZATION;" add "AND  
2 (III) A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF A COUNTY THAT DELIVERS  
3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS."
- 4 Page 8, line 21, after "WORKFORCE CENTER" insert "EMPLOYEES AND".
- 5 Page 8, line 27, strike "AND".
- 6 Page 8, after line 27 insert:  
7 "(IV) EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION,  
8 INCLUDING FACULTY, INSTRUCTORS, AND STAFF, AND LABOR  
9 ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT WORKERS IN PUBLIC HIGHER  
10 EDUCATION; AND".
- 11 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 12 Page 13, strike lines 26 and 27 and substitute:  
13 "(d) ENSURE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND  
14 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BY MEASURING KEY OUTCOMES OF  
15 THE PROGRAMS AND MAKING THE OUTCOMES MORE TRANSPARENT AND  
16 EASY TO UNDERSTAND FOR PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS."
- 17 Page 14, line 12, strike "OR".
- 18 Page 14, line 14, strike "ENTITY." and substitute "ENTITY; OR  
19 (d) CHANGE THE COLORADO OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS' OR  
20 COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE'S STATUSES AS **TYPE 1**  
21 ENTITIES OR THE OFFICES' REGULAR ACCESS TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
22 GOVERNOR AND POWER TO CONVENE OTHER STATE AGENCIES."

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