

A G E N D A

Joint Education Committee SMART Act Hearing

Thursday, January 23, 2025
Upon Adjournment of the House and Senate
Old State Library
State Capitol Building

Call to Order

- Representative Meghan Lukens, Chair

Presentation from History Colorado

- Dawn DiPrince, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Annie Levinsky, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Briefing by the Joint Budget Committee pursuant to Joint Rule 25

- Members of the Joint Budget Committee

SMART Act Presentation from the Department of Higher Education

- Dr. Angie Paccione, Executive Director
- Dr. Tricia Johnson, Deputy Executive Director
- Michael Vente, Chief Performance Officer
- Dr. Sophia Laderman, Chief Policy and Research Officer
- Dr. Cynthia Armendariz, Managing Director of COSI
- Dr. Gillian McKnight Tutein, Chief Educational Equity Officer
- Carl Einhaus, Chief Student Success and Academic Affairs Officer
- Jen Walmer, Chair, Colorado Commission on Higher Education

SMART Act Presentation from ColleagueInvest

- Angela Baier, Chief Executive Officer

School Finance Presentation from Legislative Council Staff

- Anna Gerstle, Principal Fiscal and School Finance Analyst

Briefing from the Office of State Budget and Planning

- Mark Ferrandino, Executive Director

Perspectives on School Funding from CASE Chief Financial Officers

- Scott Smith, CFO, Cherry Creek Schools and incoming CASE President
- Brett Johnson, CFO, Aurora Public Schools, and CASE Legislative Co-Chair
- Chuck Carpenter, CFO, Denver Public Schools
- Stephanie Juneau, CFO, Steamboat Springs School District

SMART Act Presentation from the Department of Education

- Susana Cordova, Commissioner of Education

SMART Act Presentation from the Department of Early Childhood

- Dr. Lisa Roy, Executive Director
- Stephanie Beasley, Deputy Executive Director
- Mary Alice Cohen, Chief Program Officer
- Jeanni Stefanik, Chief Financial Officer
- Dawn Odean, Universal Preschool Program Director
- Shannon Wilson, Early Childhood Leadership Commission Administrator

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