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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

The American Federation of Teachers Colorado supports House Bill 23-1212, Apprenticeship Navigator Pilot Program for High School Students.

We often hear community leaders and parents admit that not all students are college bound and that we need to prepare all of our students for their post-graduate life, however our schools are still not communicating well about the opportunities that exist in the trades. Many of these apprenticeship programs are debt free and offer pay while learning, but if our high school faculty aren't aware of them, students won't know about these options.

The Navigator Pilot Program will work with local and statewide businesses and apprenticeship programs to develop tools, informational materials and hold events to help inform faculty, students, and parents about registered apprenticeship programs.

The American Federation of Teachers Colorado urges you to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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