



**Testimony on SB 271**  
Senate Education Committee  
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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Weber, and members of the Committee. My name is Kyle Thomas and I am the Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 271.

HECC serves as the community college service district boundary board, and is empowered to investigate and receive petitions on proposed alterations to community college district boundaries and make recommendations to the legislature for codification—an action we have twice taken in the agency’s history. However, HECC is not the official keeper of the formal boundary lines. This responsibility to keep the boundary rests with the county officials responsible for elections and taxation in each community college service district, and most boundaries were set prior to the creation of HECC.

While HECC publishes a map illustrating the *general* service district boundaries, this map is an approximation and merely based on the official boundaries. If passed, HECC would need to contact responsible authorities in most counties or work with the Department of Revenue to catalogue the official boundaries of each district for posting in compliance with the bill.

We anticipate this work to have a minimal financial impact on the agency.

Thank you for your time today.