



Testimony on HB 2458

House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee
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Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Fragala and Harbick, 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).

HECC does not have a position on HB 2458. However, its introduction does cause HECC to pose a broader question: Are current reporting requirements in higher education best serving state needs? If not, how can these reporting requirements be amended to better serve that need?

HECC, as an agency which over a decade ago was created largely through the combination of several existing offices, inherited the existing statutory reporting requirements of those offices. As the agency's portfolio has increased in scope, additional requirements have been added. At this point in time, some may be duplicative, and others may be outdated. They are a significant driver of time and cost but may not be producing the best value in terms of actionable information.

HECC, in collaboration with partners, would be happy to examine these requirements and engage the Committee in review and consideration of an aligned, meaningful slate of research and reporting requirements that provide the Commission, policymakers, and partners with the information needed to make better decisions.

Thank you for your time today.