

How are legislative budgets addressing the needs of two-year colleges?

- More students will be served in workforce and transfer preparation through general and targeted enrollments.
- Full- and part-time faculty will be supported with \$7.5 million funded increments (step increases). Part-time faculty will benefit from funds to help close the pay gap.
- Opportunity Grants would be expanded across the state to put well-paying jobs within reach to low-income adults.
- Keeping tuition low for students is a top priority for the State Board. The Governor's and the House Appropriations' proposals include state funding to backfill all or part of needed tuition revenue next biennium.

What are the two-year colleges' additional priorities to meet the needs of the state's economy?

- The SBCTC requested \$17 million for critical equipment replacement, so students' learning environment mirrors their earning environments.
- Demand for the Job Skills Program is outstripping funding. Businesses support the program with over \$2 for every JSP dollar. The program needs \$6 million more to help keep the current workforce well trained.

