

How does the House Appropriations Education Subcommittee budget recommendation support two-year colleges?

- More students will be served in workforce and transfer preparation through general and targeted enrollments, including applied bachelor's degrees and university contracts.
- Part-time faculty are supported with higher salaries.

What concerns the colleges about the recommendation?

- Low tuition is a hallmark of two-year colleges. The recommendation increases tuition up to 2 percent per year, which would result in CTC students paying \$13 million more in tuition than under the governor's proposal. The colleges and their students need the governor's proposal of flat tuition with state funds supporting the equivalent of an annual three percent tuition increase.
- Faculty deserve long-term support. Full- and part-time faculty need \$7.5 million funded increments (step increases) that are shared proportionally, and used to reward skill upgrades and professional experience. Additionally, the whole system will benefit from a salary policy review to set a clear future direction.

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

- The 10 Opportunity Grant pilot programs have shown very positive results. The colleges are ready to expand these programs statewide.
- 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.
- The SBCTC requested \$11.9 million for part-time faculty salaries. The subcommittee and the governor recommended \$7.5 million. This additional funding will help achieve "equal pay for equal work."