

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	7 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Gallegos, Gorsek, Greenlick, Huffman, Smith Warner, Whisnant, Harker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Gilliam, Johnson
Prepared By:	Victoria Cox, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/10, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to administer grant program for purpose of distributing funds to community colleges to make child care services available to students. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for purpose of making distributions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost of childcare as a barrier to higher education
- Impact on achievement of 40-40-20 goals (especially the middle 40)
- Preferences for awarding grants as specified by the measure
- Availability of moneys to fund grant program (or lack thereof)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 4084 directs the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) to administer a matching grant program to fund child care services at community colleges. The measure establishes requirements to be met by community college grant applicants including the establishment of preferences based on need, previous use of child care services, full-time or half-time enrollment and satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate. The measure requires students to pay at least ten percent of the cost of child care services. For the current biennium, House Bill 4084 provides for an appropriation of \$2 million to CCWD to fund the grant program.