



House Bills 2254, 2832 and 3184  
House Higher Education, Innovation and  
Workforce Development Committee  
March 13, 2015

Chair Read, Vice Chairs Whisnant and Gallegos, and members of the committee. For the record, my name is Dana Richardson, Deputy Director for Legislative and Policy Affairs at the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

I am here to speak to all three of the bills before the committee today. We understand that amendments are being considered for each of the bills that would clarify and, in some cases, remove duties for the HECC to review and approve third-party contracts or adopt rules to make these contracts publicly available. We think these amendments make sense.

We also understand that it may be possible to pursue better contract terms or rates through a voluntary, shared services type of agreement that would include community colleges and universities. This also seems like an approach that is worth exploring.

The HECC stands ready to assist in any of these efforts and I appreciate your time and attention.