



Testimony on Senate Bill 1520
Senate Education Committee
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Chair Roblan, Vice-Chair Linthicum, 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. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 1520.

Sections 12 and 13 of the bill address reporting requirements placed on the HECC related to certain employee groups by consolidating what had previously been two separate, related, but distinct reporting requirements into one single report.

The content of these changes, which result in the HECC delivering an annual report on college and university employees, with a focus on ratios of supervisors to employees, students to employees, and salaries, come from a stakeholder workgroup that was formed in response to Senate Bill 113 (2016). The recommendations of the workgroup were delivered in December of 2016, but not incorporated into any legislation in the 2017 session.

Based on conversations with partners, HECC expects there will be slight modifications suggested in the form of a forthcoming amendment request, and looks forward to finalizing language within the next couple of days.

Thank you for your time today.