

As an educator, I write in support of HB 5025. I teach at a four-year university, and I see every day the importance of community college education. When community colleges are well-resourced, they can serve as a bridge from high school to a four-year degree. That bridge is crucial for first-generation students, for poor and working-class students, and for any student who might not have imagined that college was for them. In order for that bridge to work, however, community colleges must have the funds they need to offer quality instruction and to support for their faculty and students. Otherwise, that first, crucial step into higher education falls apart, failing the students who need it most. Supporting HB 5025 means supporting education for everyone.