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On Behalf Of: SWOCC

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

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I urge you to reconsider funding for higher ed and meet the 8.55 million ask from HECC. Tuition costs are soaring and students are struggling. The legislature wants more CTE, but these are extremely expensive programs to develop and start even though they are the most helpful to the community. Community Colleges are instrumental in growing a community and neither the Governor's budget nor the Ways and Means budget will support the needs of community colleges. That support is necessary for businesses to grow. That growth and the employees they hire pay taxes so underfunding community colleges is counterintuitive in difficult financial times. Please support HB 5025.