



Testimony on HB 4164
House Higher Education Committee
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Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs McIntire and Ruiz, 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 (HECC). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 4164.

With the passage of HB 3456 in the 2023 legislative session, HECC was given two positions to administer both the Sexual Climate Survey Council as well as all the potential rulemaking and regulatory work associated with the bill. The agency recently welcomed those two staff members to the team last month. While they, and the agency, look forward to beginning this critical work, it is necessary to delay the delivery date of the first survey to allow for the survey council to convene, organize, and begin planning survey content. HECC appreciates the Committee's willingness, and Rep. Hartman's willingness as the sponsor of the original legislation, to consider the shift in deadlines.

Thank you for your time today.