

House Education

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HB25-1186 Work-Based Learning Experiences in Higher Ed

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Evie Hudak For Colorado PTA	<p>Colorado PTA supports HB25-1186. PTA supports legislation and programs intended to increase postsecondary participation. We know that postsecondary education substantially increases one’s long-term earnings potential, lowers incarceration rates, and benefits society as a whole through lessening the burden on social safety net programs. We believe that every student who has graduated from a U.S. high school should have the right, regardless of their learning styles or financial means, to attend a postsecondary institution.</p> <p>We think it is important for a college education to meet workforce needs in Colorado and connect academic learning with real-world experiences through career preparation and skill development for students. We support allowing students to receive college credit by doing apprenticeships and participating in other career education pathways.</p> <p>This bill will substantially assist students with different learning styles, low-income students, and disadvantaged youth to get a postsecondary education, providing an economically, culturally, and ethnically diverse student population and a richer education experience for all students. It will help postsecondary students launch stable, successful careers and achieve economic self-sufficiency in a wide variety of fields.</p>