

June 7, 2022

Regent Cathy McAdoo
Chair, Nevada Board of Regents
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Senator Chris Brooks
Chair, Interim Finance Committee
Nevada State Legislature
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Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Study of NSHE Funding Formula

Dear Regent McAdoo and Senator Brooks:

On behalf of the Community College Workforce Training and Programs Committee (AB 450, Chapter 246, *Statutes of Nevada 2021*), we are writing to support a comprehensive study of the NSHE funding formula during the 2023-25 interim. The Community College Workforce Training and Programs Committee was created to study a number of matters related to the role of NSHE community colleges in supporting Nevada's workforce. During the committee's deliberations several concerns arose regarding the funding formula that is used to allocate state funding to NSHE's teaching institutions.

During the course of its deliberations, the Committee heard testimony regarding the possible inadequacy of various aspects of the funding formula, including the assigned weights utilized in the weighted student credit hours that are used for the purpose of the funding formula. For example, the student credit hours generated from critical workforce programs such as nursing and allied health (CIP 51) were noted as inadequately weighted in the formula. The funding formula is a complex and often controversial matter that requires a holistic approach when being considered for revisions. We acknowledge that one-off revisions to the formula may have unintended consequences and therefore recommend a broader approach with a complete review of the funding formula.

The NSHE funding formula was last formally reviewed during the 2011-13 interim. We believe that it is now time for a comprehensive formula study that considers the differing missions of

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higher education institutions, and the workforce needs of Nevada. Since the funding formula was established, it has been a frequent point of concern among stakeholders and a study would provide the opportunity to address the concerns expressed.

Thank you for considering this important matter.

Sincerely yours,



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