

**Senate Education
HB1505**

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Chairman Delzer and members of the House Appropriations Committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support for HB1505, specifically funding set aside for statewide area career center initiative.

As directed by the 67th Legislative Assembly, the Department of Career and Technical Education launched the program in the summer of 2021. To date we have received ten applications totaling \$68 million in applications and have heard from seven additional potential applicants for another \$44 million. In total, we may see applications totaling over \$112 million.

Also, as you all know, the Federal Guidance for the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund was released on September 20, 2021. This new guidance states that the funding can be used for multipurpose Community Capital Projects that enable work, education, and health monitoring. This will mean submitted applications and new applications will need to be amended to address the new guidance, which may require adjusting the maximum grant amount.

This concludes my testimony and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.