

**Senate Education
HB1430**

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Chairman Schaible and members of the committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support of HB1430.

The Department of Career and Technical Education supports HB1430, specifically section 2, subsection 2. b. (2) as it would provide additional scholarship dollars for students pursuing coursework at one of the state community or tribal colleges, which historically provide associates programs or below. This can be found on page 4, line 14. Currently, if a student earns the State Scholarship and enrolls at one of our community or tribal colleges, under existing statute, the student receives \$750 per semester, until graduation. If a student completes his or her associate degree in four semesters, they will earn a \$3000 scholarship, not \$6000 as promised. This was not what was promised when that student began their pathway in high school and continued it upon graduating from high school at a community college. Also, the added incentive would encourage students to enroll in more Career and Technical Education courses and enroll at our community and tribal colleges, where programs can lead to quicker paths to high wage, high skill, in demand occupations.

This concludes my testimony and am happy to answer any questions.

Thank you.