

Iowa Valley Community College District 2019 Legislative Updates

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTATION AT STATEHOUSE

On Thursday, Feb. 7, Iowa's Community Colleges will present their story for the need for more state funding before the Joint Education Appropriation subcommittee in Statehouse room 22. Those presenting are Dr. Dan Kinney 2, President of Iowa Central Community College, and Dr. Michael Ash, President of Southeastern Community College.

REGENT INSTITUTIONS PRESENTATIONS

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Regent institutions presented their FY20 legislative request before the Joint Education Appropriations subcommittee. Their presentations can be found at:

Iowa State University:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SD/1035320.pdf>

University of Iowa:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SD/1035319.pdf>

University of Northern Iowa:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/SD/1035322.pdf>

MIDWEST ECONOMY SHOWS SIGNS OF REBOUND

On Friday, Feb. 1, Creighton University released an economic survey of business leaders and

supply managers in Iowa and eight Midwestern states. The monthly report noted that the leading economic indicator rose to its highest level since September 2018. The survey results noted that the region will see solid economic growth for the next three to six months. The employment numbers for the region reflected growth with overall job growth for the nine states at 1.3 percent over last year. The survey noted that the biggest challenges for 2019 shared by the group surveyed was tariffs and finding a qualified trained workforce.

LEGISLATION FILED

The following bills of importance to Community Colleges were filed during the third week:

SF115 – *Allows a peace officer or reserve peace officer, whether certified or not, to carry a gun on school grounds, whether the officer is in performance of official duties or not.*

SF116 – *Relates to going armed with, carrying, or transporting a firearm when transporting a person to and from school or delivering an item to the school.*

SF120 – *Prohibits a governing board of a public college or university from adopting or enforcing any policy or rule that prohibits a person from carrying, transporting, or possessing a dangerous weapon producing a*

non-projectile high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person in the buildings or on the grounds of such a college or university.

SF162 – *Relates to the examination and copying of a public record under Iowa's Open Records law and federal copyright law.*

SSB1051 – *Relates to the eligibility and reporting requirements for the Iowa Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program.*

HF178 – *Relates to conflicts of interest in certain government public contracts.*

HSB56 – *Concerns the contract bidding process for public improvement projects conducted by the Board of Regents.*

HSB57 – *Relates to public construction bidding procedures.*

HSB83 – *Relates to continuing education requirements for certain professions.*

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