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STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Overview

MISSION

The mission of the Office of State and Federal Government Relations is to support the University of Colorado by building effective partnerships between the University and state and federal governments. This is achieved through representation and advocacy of CU's needs and interests with state and federal elected officials in Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Goals

- Promote the University's interests at the state and federal level.
- Enhance the understanding of the role and value of CU.
- Achieve status as one of the top public university governmental relations offices in the United States.

Strategies

- 1) Increase role/visibility at both the state and federal level through testimony, tours, outreach events, Hill visits, and other activities to increase contact with state and federal policy makers.
- 2) "Friend building" by President, Chancellors and designated officers of the University with members of the General Assembly, Colorado Congressional Delegation, and Executive branch of both the state and federal government.
- 3) Engage the business community, Ambassadors, and Alumni to help lobby CU's initiatives.
- 4) Request for each campus to have federally funded special projects:
 - UCB - Institute for Micro/Nano Technology for Engineering and Life Sciences
 - UCCS – Ph.D. program in Homeland Security and Partnership in Innovative Preparation for Educators and Students
 - UCDHSC Downtown Denver Campus – Audio/Video Forensics Center
 - UCDHSC Fitzsimons Campus – Linda Crnic Institute for Developmental Disabilities
 - UCH – Marion Downs Hearing Center

Continue to lobby for funding increases in order for CU to maintain its ranking in the top five public universities for federal research funding. The following agencies are the primary sources of funding for CU: National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Institute of Space and Technology (NIST).

- 5) Continue education of elected officials through increased contact with faculty, students, and administrators from all three campuses.
- 6) Work to improve internal communication by
 - Holding weekly legislative strategy meetings with top university officers.
 - Providing legislative updates at all three campuses and via email to university community.
 - Coordinating university group tours and breakfasts at state capitol.
 - Communicating with appropriate University of Colorado faculty, administrators, and students regarding specific legislation and policy issues.

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General Fund and Cash Fund Appropriations FY2007

FY 2007 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

This was the first year since the recession began that CU received a general fund increase. This was made possible because of the passage of Referendum C in November 2005. If the Referendum had not passed, dramatic reductions to higher education spending would have likely been made.

Between the decisions made through the supplemental process in FY 2006 and the FY 2007 budget process, higher education received important general fund and spending authority increases. The increases for the entire higher education budget include:

- \$25 M for unfunded enrollment
- \$22.4 M to increase the stipend by \$180 (up to \$2,580)
- \$54,000 to increase the stipend by \$90 for private institutions (up to \$1,290)
- \$24 M for enrollment growth
- \$14.2 M to increase the fee for services allocation
- \$800,000 for scholarships for students who graduate from pre-collegiate programs

In addition to these increases, General fund support for need based financial aid increased in FY 2007 by \$7.2 M (a 16% increase) for all of higher education.

The Legislature's and Governor's support for these increases made possible needed relief to the CU System as our Universities work to recover from the enormous cuts made since 2002. For example, during the recession higher education enrollment throughout Colorado increased by nearly 21,000 students (about 5,100 of the 21,000 came to CU) but no new funding was allocated for any of these new arrivals. The \$25 M increase for unfunded enrollment will help cover the cost of about one third of these unfunded students. There is still a long way to go as we work to recover from what was a 26% state general fund cut per resident full time student, but progress is being made.

FY 2007 CASH FUND APPROPRIATIONS (TUITION)

The JBC approved a 5% spending authority increase for research institutions, 3% for state colleges and 2.5% for community colleges; however in keeping with an agreement reached with the Joint Budget Committee and Governor agreed that undergraduate resident tuition rate increases should not exceed 2.5%. Graduate and out of state rate increases were not included in the 2.5% cap.



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Capital Construction FY2007

FY 2007 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

The Capital Development Committee (CDC) and the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) approved \$81M for capital construction in FY 2006-2007, covering all projects on the higher education priority list that the CDC forwarded to the JBC. This amount covered all controlled maintenance, capital projects, and cash requests for CU's four campuses. This was then forwarded to the governor for his approval. Unfortunately, the governor vetoed several of CU's capital construction projects due to a shortfall in the budget, as he did for most other institutions around the state.

Despite the vetoes, CU and higher education did very well this year with capital requests. Several large capital construction projects will go through on each campus, including the Fine Arts Building at Boulder, the Science Building at Auraria, and the final phase for Dwire at Colorado Springs. Additionally, five million for the UCCS Science and Engineering project was approved by the legislature and governor pending CCHE approval, and the first full COP payment for Fitzsimons was funded.

With money freed up from Referendum C, the legislature approved \$14.5M worth of one-time controlled maintenance projects for higher education from the FY 05-06 budget. Additionally, they approved a long list of controlled maintenance needs for higher education from the FY 06-07 budget. On top of these successes in capital and controlled maintenance requests, the Capital Development Committee approved all of CU's cash funded requests during the 2007 legislative session.



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State Capital Construction Summary FY2007

Campus and Project	State Appropriation	Cash Appropriation	Total Appropriation
BOULDER CAMPUS			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
<i>FY 2006 Supplemental</i>			
Storm/Sanitary Sewer Cross Connection	\$158,734	\$0	\$158,734
Theater Building, Roof Structural Repairs	\$563,000	\$0	\$563,000
Main Campus West Hall, Storm Sewer Upgrades	\$584,011	\$0	\$584,011
Code and Life Safety Upgrades	\$186,765	\$0	\$186,765
Steam Tunnel Structural Repairs	\$289,663	\$0	\$289,663
<i>FY 2007 Appropriation</i>			
Campus Steam Line Upgrades	\$658,848	\$0	\$658,848
Repair/Replace Building Electrical Services	\$540,649	\$0	\$540,649
Upgrade Fire Sprinklers and Alarms	\$889,618	\$0	\$889,618
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Outdoor Recreation Facilities	\$0	\$5,712,500	\$5,712,500
Visual Arts Complex	\$2,236,422	\$4,931,994	\$7,168,416
TOTAL UCB CAPITAL APPROPRIATION	\$6,107,710	\$10,644,494	\$16,752,204

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Campus and Project	State Appropriation	Cash Appropriation	Total Appropriation
DENVER/AURARIA CAMPUS			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
<i>FY 2006 Supplemental-AHEC</i>			
1200 Seventh Street Buildings Roof Repair	\$371,861	\$0	\$371,861
Campus Utilities Infrastructure Repairs	\$1,696,946	\$0	\$1,696,946
Life Safety Mechanical and Electrical Repairs	\$1,070,264	\$0	\$1,070,264
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Conveyance UCD Building and Lawrence Center	\$0	\$36,500,000	\$36,500,000
AHEC – Science Building addition and Renovation	\$2,429,100	\$0	\$2,429,100
TOTAL UCD/AURARIA CAPITAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,568,171	\$36,500,000	\$42,068,171
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
<i>FY 2007 Appropriation</i>			
Building 500, Air Handling Unit Replacement	\$347,900	\$0	\$347,900
Building 500, Air Temperature Control Improvement	\$276,165	\$0	\$276,165
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Fitzsimons, Infrastructure Phase 10	\$0	\$1,282,093	\$1,282,093
Fitzsimons Trust Fund/Lease Purchase Payment	\$13,143,313	\$0	\$13,143,313
Fitzsimons, PASCAL Addition II	\$0	\$5,695,269	\$5,695,269
TOTAL UCHSC APPROPRIATION	\$13,767,378	\$6,977,362	\$20,744,740



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State Capital Construction Summary FY2007

Campus and Project	State Appropriation	Cash Appropriation	Total Appropriation
COLORADO SPRINGS CAMPUS			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
<i>FY 2006 Supplemental</i>			
Engineering Building Repair Boilers	\$215,000	\$0	\$215,000
Repair Campus Infrastructure	\$301,360	\$0	\$301,360
Repair Structural Damage to Service Building	\$83,975	\$0	\$83,975
<i>FY 2007 Appropriation</i>			
Fine Arts Complex Utilities Upgrade	\$292,018	\$0	\$292,018
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Campus Recreation Center	\$0	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
Dwire Hall Renovation and Technology Upgrade	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000
Science and Engineering Building	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
TOTAL UCCS APPROPRIATION	\$6,392,353	\$15,500,000	\$21,892,353
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS			
Controlled Maintenance Projects	\$8,526,777	\$0	\$8,526,777
Capital Construction Projects	\$23,308,835	\$69,621,856	\$92,930,691
GRAND TOTAL	\$31,835,612	\$69,621,856	\$101,457,468



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Key State Higher Education Legislation

Senate Bill 024 *Align Public School & Higher Ed Data* (Spence/Paccione)

Requires a postsecondary institution that is eligible for the College Opportunity Fund program to begin using the unique identification number assigned to the student while enrolled in the elementary to secondary education system in Colorado as the student's primary identifier. Directs the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the State Board of Education to enter into a memorandum of understanding to share student data in conformance with the federal "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974".

APPROVED by Governor May 1, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006

Senate Bill 031 *Stipend for Education on Military Bases* (Jones/Merrifield)

Allows a member of the armed forces or a dependent of a member of the armed forces to receive in-state tuition status and a college opportunity fund stipend for a higher education program attended on a military base.

APPROVED by Governor June 6, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2007

Senate Bill 067 *Suicidal Behavior In Higher Ed* (Hanna/Shaffer - Kerr)

Requires the Colorado commission on higher education to select, on or before July 1, 2007, one or more state institutions of higher education willing to participate in a suicide prevention pilot program. A selected state institution shall adopt a policy to distribute to and maintain a consent form for each student enrolled in the institution. The consent form shall allow the state institution to notify a contact person, as designated by the student, if a person who has been designated by the state institution has a reasonable belief that the student is considering suicide or may be a danger to himself or herself. Allows the student to sign, change, or revoke a consent form at any time. Provides specific immunity from liability for a state institution participating in the pilot program. Requires the Colorado commission on higher education to make a report to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives regarding the implementation of the act. Repeals the article July 1, 2010.

APPROVED by Governor June 2, 2006

EFFECTIVE June 2, 2006

Senate Bill 112 *In-Network Health Benefits During Term* (Teck/Buescher)

Specifies that, if a contract between a health care service provider and a health coverage carrier is terminated during the term of an insured's policy, and if preauthorization is not required for a particular type of health care service, and if a contract between the provider and the carrier was

in place at the time the service was provided, then the insured is liable for no more than the in-network co-payment, coinsurance, and deductible for such service.

APPROVED by Governor April 24, 2006

EFFECTIVE September 1, 2006

Senate Bill 144 *Health Insurance for Instructors* **(Tupa/Plant)**

Authorizes the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to conduct a study to determine the impact of providing health and dental benefits to persons who are employed by one or more state institutions of higher education and who teach an aggregate of fifteen or more credit hours at on or more institutions of higher ed in a consecutive twelve month period.

APPROVED by Governor May 4, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

Senate Bill 148 *Community Policing Programs* **(Tapia/McFadyen)**

Creates the Colorado Community Policing Program in the Division of Criminal Justice for the purpose of providing grants to local law enforcement agencies to implement community policing plans in communities and at-risk neighborhoods.

APPROVED by Governor May 25, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

Senate Bill 229 *Severance Tax for DUSEL Visitor Facility* **(Fitz-Gerald/Plant)**

If the National Science Foundation awards a national Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory (DUSEL) to the Henderson mine near Empire, requires the general assembly to appropriate moneys from the operational account of the severance tax trust fund over a 5-year period beginning with the state fiscal year 2007-08 to pay the state's share of the costs related to the construction and operation of a DUSEL facility that will house a visitors' center, educational resources, and administrative offices related to the DUSEL.

APPROVED by Governor May 31, 2006

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2006

Senate Bill 233 *State Auditor Confidential Documents* **(Taylor/Coleman)**

Clarifies that, notwithstanding any other law but subject to existing exceptions, the state auditor shall have access to confidential records or information from any department, institution, or agency. Clarifies that any confidential records or information provided to the state auditor may not be released, and that any person who does release such documents may be subject to a penalty for the release under any applicable law.

APPROVED by Governor May 25, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

House Bill 1004 *Audio Textbooks for K-12 Students* **(Green/Windels)**

Creates the Reading Assistance grant program to provide grants to organizations that supply accessible educational materials for students who have difficulty reading the printed word, especially in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics and science. Requires each organization that receives a grant under the grant program to submit annually to the department a summary report on the use of the grant moneys received.

APPROVED by Governor May 26, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006

House Bill 1024 *Underserved Students in Higher Ed* **(Frangas/Tapia)**

Requires each governing board of a Colorado institution of Higher Education to submit to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the House and Senate Education Committees a report regarding underserved students, including the programs and services that each state institution provides to address the retention and success of underserved students; and additional proposed programs and services it would provide, as well as costs related to the implementation of those proposed programs or services.

APPROVED by Governor June 1, 2006

EFFECTIVE on or before September 1, 2006

House Bill 1074 *Waste Tires Fee Recycling Grants* **(Solano/Johnson)**

Extends the waste tire recycling development fee and establishes that grants from the fund may be awarded to public and private entities. Requires that the advanced technology fund, funded by the waste tire recycling development fee, be used to finance research, development, and technology transfer with regard to waste diversion and recycling strategies, including those pertaining to waste tires.

APPROVED by Governor March 31, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006

House Bill 1075 *Surplus State Property Sale Higher Ed* **(Todd/None)**

Allows the Department of Higher Education to complete a waiver excluding institutions of higher education (by campus) from the surplus state property procedures.

APPROVED by Governor May 4, 2006

EFFECTIVE no later than September 1, 2006

House Bill 1119 *Notify Personal Info Security Breach* **(Marshall/Keller)**

Requires an individual or a commercial entity that conducts business in Colorado and that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to notify customers who are residents of Colorado of any breach of the security of the system following the discovery of a

breach in the security of personal information of the Colorado resident whose unencrypted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. Requires notice to be made in good faith, in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay.

APPROVED by Governor April 24, 2006

EFFECTIVE September 1, 2006

House Bill 1157 *IT Security in Public Agencies* **(Coleman/R. May)**

Requires the Governor to appoint a Chief Information Security Officer to develop and update information security policies, standards, and guidelines for public agencies in order to protect communication and information resources of the state's public agencies, preventing a security incident involving the unauthorized access or use or destruction of information entrusted to such agencies. On or before December 31, 2006, the CISO shall promulgate and implement such information security standards, policies, and guidelines.

APPROVED by Governor June 6, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

House Bill 1189 *Governmental Injury Immunity* **(Cadman/Veiga)**
Subrogation

Clarifies that tort claims brought against public entities and public employees are subject to the damages limitations of the "Colorado Governmental Immunity Act" regardless of whether a claim is brought directly by an injured party or indirectly by an assignee or subrogee of the injured party. Clarifies that an assignment or subrogation concerning an injury governed by the "Colorado Governmental Immunity Act" is not a separate occurrence with regard to limitations on judgments recovered against public entities or public employees.

APPROVED by Governor April 18, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

House Bill 1195 *State Personnel Empl Eval by Supervisor* **(Gallegos/Traylor)**

Modifies the length of suspension from work for a state-employed supervisor who fails to annually evaluate subordinate employees in the state personnel system.

APPROVED by Governor March 31, 2006

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2006

House Bill 1285 *Accountable Student Programs at CU* **(Todd/Williams)**

Creates an accountable student program for students in a University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center professional health care program. The program requires students who, at the time of admission, are not receiving any funding from the state to participate in the program and to sign an agreement to pay a special support fee to reimburse the state for costs incurred through participating in the program.

APPROVED by Governor April 18, 2006

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2006

House Bill 1287 *Public Fund Investments* **(Stafford/Sandoval)**

Specifies that public entities shall adopt criteria for designating eligible broker-dealers for the purchase of term securities. Updates broker-dealer liability provisions for illegal securities and authority of public trustees of counties to establish and manage specified accounts. Clarifies maturity periods and reorganizes the requirements related to the investment of public funds.

APPROVED by Governor April 24, 2006

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2006

House Bill 1322 *Clean Energy Devel Fund Seed Capital* **(Buescher/Tapia)**

Creates the Clean Energy Development Fund to be administered by the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation. Transfers \$2 million per year for 3 years from the operational account of the severance tax fund into this fund. For three state fiscal years beginning with the state fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2006, authorizes the State Treasurer to transfer a portion of the operational account of the severance tax fund to the agriculture value-added cash fund to promote agricultural energy-related projects and research. Stipulates that the Colorado Renewable Energy Authority will be governed by a Board of Directors.

APPROVED by Governor June 6, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006

House Bill 1337 *Water Quality Improvement Fund* **(Butcher/Entz)**
Penalties

Establishes criteria to be considered when a penalty is assessed. Creates the Water Quality Improvement Fund and stipulates that all penalties collected shall be credited to this fund, subject to annual appropriation.

APPROVED by Governor May 26, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

House Bill 1399 *Higher Education Spending Authority* **(Hall/Tapia)**

Concerning the authority to use a percentage of stipend spending authority to purchase postsecondary educational services if authorized by a fee-for-service contract.

APPROVED by Governor May 26, 2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage



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Key State Health Care Legislation

Senate Bill 136 ***Nursing Teacher Loan Forgiveness*** **(Tapia/Butcher)**

Authorizes the Colorado commission on higher education to establish a nursing teacher loan forgiveness pilot program for persons who teach courses in nursing at a Colorado public institution of higher education for a period of at least 5 consecutive academic years after receipt of an advanced degree. Specifies other required conditions for the loan forgiveness. Establishes a fund. Repeals the program effective July 1, 2018.

APPROVED by Governor 6/1/2006

EFFECTIVE June 1, 2006

Senate Bill 165 ***Telemed Chronic Care Pilot Program*** **(Hagedorn/Gardner)**

Endorses the use of telemedicine and provides that medical services and other health care services rendered via telemedicine are reimbursable under the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act" and under health care coverage or health insurance policies, to the same extent as such services would be if rendered in person. Authorizes the executive director of the department of health care policy and financing to adopt rules regarding telemedicine consultations. Directs the department of health care policy and financing to contract for the conduct of pilot programs for the rendition of medical services via telemedicine under the act. States that the pilot programs will evaluate the management of, and treatment of patients with, congestive heart failure and diabetes or diabetes-related conditions. Provides for sunset review of the administration of the pilot programs. Removes the transfer of medical data and education related to health care services from the existing definition of "telemedicine" in the "Colorado Medical Practice Act".

APPROVED by Governor 6/2/2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006

Senate Bill 208 ***Health Care Reform Committee*** **(Hanna/Larson)**

Creates the health care reform committee for the purpose of studying comprehensive state health care reform and universal health care coverage. Authorizes the appointment of 4 legislative members, 11 nonlegislative members, and 2 ex officio members to the committee. Directs the general assembly to treat, as it deems necessary, the legislative recommendations made by the committee as legislation made by an interim committee. Repeals the committee, effective July 1, 2010. Requires the receipt of \$50,000 in gifts, grants and donations to commence the committee.

APPROVED by Governor 6/2/2006

EFFECTIVE upon passage

Senate Bill 213 ***Health Care Services At Network Facility*** **(Hagedorn/Penry)**

Requires health care services provided at an in-network facility, including services provided by an out-of-network provider, to be provided to the covered person at no greater cost to the covered person than if the services were obtained from an in-network provider

APPROVED by Governor 6/2/2006

EFFECTIVE June 2, 2006

Senate Bill 217 Distinguished Foreign Teaching Physician **(Groff/T Carroll)**

Authorizes the state board of medical examiners (board) to issue a distinguished foreign teaching physician license to applicants in place of a temporary physician license. Removes the 5-year limit for which the license may be annually renewed. Continues to allow a qualified applicant who is not offered the rank of associate professor to be granted a temporary license. Grants rule-making authority to the board.

APPROVED by Governor May 25, 2006

EFFECTIVE May 25, 2006

Senate Bill 221 **Reimbursement of Emergency and** **(Hagedorn)**
Trauma Care Providers

Directs the health care task force to consider the establishment of a new reimbursement system for emergency responders and trauma care providers.

APPROVED by Governor May 25, 2006

EFFECTIVE May 25, 2006

House Bill 1045 **Hospital Infection Rate Reporting** **(McCulskey/Keller)**

Requires a hospital to collect data on hospital-acquired infection rates for specified clinical procedures and to routinely submit its hospital-acquired infection data to the national healthcare safety network in accordance with national healthcare safety network requirements and procedures. Creates an advisory committee to assist the department of public health and environment in the development of all aspects of the department's methodology for collecting, analyzing, and disclosing information collected. Compels the department to create an annual report comparing infection rates for each individual hospital in the state, discussing findings, making conclusions, and spotting trends. Makes failure to comply with the reporting requirement sanctionable. Provides the department with compliance oversight of the reporting.

APPROVED by Governor June 2,/2006

EFFECTIVE June 2, 2006

House Bill 1269 **Nursing Faculty Fellowship Program** **(Cloer/Tochtrop)**

Creates a nursing faculty fellowship program to fund qualified nursing faculty positions at schools of nursing in Colorado. Under the program, provides for an annual payment of up to

\$10,000 for up to 3 years for a qualified position in a nursing school. Authorizes the Colorado commission on higher education to administer the program. Establishes a fund.

APPROVED by Governor April 24, 2006

EFFECTIVE April 24, 2006

House Bill 1278 Colorado Hospital Report Card (Weissman/Keller)

Creates a comprehensive hospital information system. Requires the executive director of the department of public health and environment to rely upon the assistance and advice of a duly constituted association for hospitals to implement the act. Allows the executive director to reject or revoke acceptance of the association. If the association is rejected or has acceptance revoked, creates the Colorado commission for hospital statistics. Requires the executive director to establish the Colorado hospital report card.

APPROVED by Governor 6/2/2006

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2006

House Bill 1285 Accountable Student Prog Univ Of CO (Todd/Williams)

Creates an accountable student program for students in a university of Colorado at Denver and health sciences center professional health care program. The program requires students who, at the time of admission, are not receiving any funding from the state to participate in the program and to sign an agreement to pay a special support fee to reimburse the state for costs incurred through participating in the program. Mandates that the special support fee not be reduced or waived regardless of any future determination of in-state tuition status for the student.

APPROVED by Governor 04/18/2006

EFFECTIVE August 7, 2006

House Bill 1175 Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act (May/Grossman)

Specifies that, to reduce the levels of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, smoking shall not be permitted in any indoor enclosed area or the main entryway to such area, including, but not limited to a specific list of locations. Makes exceptions to the general prohibitions on smoking for specific locations, including licensed casinos. Makes violation of the act a class 2 petty offense punishable by a fine.

APPROVED by Governor March 27, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006

House Bill 1360 Bioscience Research Discoveries (Riesberg/Tupa)

Creates in the Colorado office of economic development the bioscience discovery evaluation grant program for the purpose of improving and expanding the evaluation of new bioscience discoveries at research institutions. Requires the office to administer the program and the director of the office to consult with a Colorado bioscience membership organization in the implementation of the program. Specifies that the program shall provide grants to offices of technology transfer at research institutions on a statewide basis in amounts of up to \$150,000 per bioscience research project. Transfers \$2,000,000 of the general fund portion of limited gaming fund moneys to the program.

APPROVED by Governor June 5, 2006

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2006



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Federal Relations

FY2005 AND FY2006 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

The congressional calendar runs year round so many issues remain outstanding at the time of this report. Generally, Congress convenes in January and attempts to adjourn in October. This year is the 109th Congress, 2nd Session.

Thanks to the strong relationships President Brown and the Chancellors have with our Congressional delegation, we had another successful year of getting funding for special projects. The fact that relationships were stronger than ever translated not only into increased federal funding, but also into more visits to the campuses by members and their staffs, more quality time spent with members and their staffs at various functions, and more interest from the Colorado Congressional delegation in how they could be helpful to the University.

We urge faculty and staff to contact our office regarding any congressional tours or Hill visits that need to be arranged, even if they are with professional associations. Also, we ask that faculty or staff contact us prior to sending any correspondence on University of Colorado letterhead to any member of Congress. Thank you.

Special Projects Funding Received from FY2006 Appropriations

- ◆ UCCS received \$4,600,000 for the Network Information and Space Security Center.
- ◆ UCDHSC received \$150,000 for the Audio/Video Forensics Center (Downtown Denver campus)
- ◆ UCB received \$750,000 for the Institute for Micro/Nano Technology for Engineering and Life Sciences at University of Colorado at Boulder.

Special Projects Funding Requests in FY2006

President Brown traveled to Washington, DC to do Hill visits with our congressional members to discuss the University of Colorado's federal initiatives for FY06. This year the Office of State and Federal Government Relations will seek funding for the following projects:

- ◆ \$4 million for the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center Fitzsimons Campus Linda Crnic Institute for Developmental Disabilities.
- ◆ \$4.5 million for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Partnership in Innovative Preparation for Educators and Students (PIPES) and the Space Education Consortium (SEC)
- ◆ \$1,850,000 million for the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center Downtown Denver Campus National Center for Audio/Video Forensics.
- ◆ \$3.25 million for the Institute for Micro/Nano Technology for Engineering and Life Sciences at University of Colorado at Boulder.

Research Funding in FY2006

In addition to the federal initiatives, President Brown lobbied the congressional delegation for their support of federal research funding. The University of Colorado continues to be extremely competitive in the peer review process on all three of our campuses. In FY06, the University of Colorado received \$461.1 million in federal research awards. The Office of State and Federal Government Relations has made agency funding a top priority and will continue to advocate on behalf of increased federal research funding particularly from the following federal agencies:

Agency	Appropriations Bill
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Department of Education	Labor/HHS/Education
National Science Foundation (NSF) National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)	VA/HUD/Independent Agencies
Department of Defense (DOD)	Defense
Department of Energy (DOE)	Energy & Water
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Commerce / Justice / State
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	Interior
Department of Transportation	Transportation / Treasury
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	Homeland Security

Top Agency Funding	System Funding Total
National Institutes of Health (NIH)	\$256,470,604
National Science Foundation (NSF)	\$50,722,305
National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)	\$44,473,972



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Key Higher Education Federal Legislation

109th Congress, 2nd Session

HR 609 *College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005* **(Boehener)**

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes. It focuses on enforcement and border security, without legalization and without a guest worker program, both of which are critical features of the Senate bill.

Status: Passed out of the House, referred to the Senate.

HR 4975 *Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006* **(Dreier)**

Provides greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities as well as rules regarding gifts, travel, and audits.

Status: Passed/ agreed to in House. Passage passed by recorded vote: 217 – 213

S. 2695 *Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006* **(Cornyn)**

Provides for Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees of that agency or from funds administered by that agency.

Status: Still in Committee.



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Key Health Care Federal Legislation 109th Congress, 2nd Session

S. 71 ***Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act of 2005*** **(Inouye)**

Would require each participating hospital to adopt and implement a staffing system that ensures a number of registered nurses on each shift and in each unit of the hospital to ensure appropriate staffing levels for patient care.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 351 ***Safe Nursing and Patient Care Act of 2005*** **(Kennedy)**

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to place limitations on mandatory overtime for nurses, protect nurses against retaliation in any manner with respect to any aspect of employment, and provide for civil money penalties for violations of such provisions.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 338 ***Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid Act*** **(Smith)**
(Introduced in Senate)

Establishes the Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid to review: (1) each of Medicaid's major functional responsibilities; (2) issues that either threaten or improve the long-term financial condition of Medicaid; (3) Federal and State policies for Medicaid and Medicare enrollment (including enrollment sites), income eligibility, outreach, and documentation; (4) the operation and effectiveness of Medicaid premium assistance programs; and (5) Medicaid payment policies.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 470 ***Fair Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2005 (FACT Act)*** **(Dodd)**

Would amend title to establish a clinical trials results database of all publicly and privately funded clinical trial results, regardless of outcome, that is accessible to the scientific community, health care practitioners, and members of the public.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 544 ***PREEMIE Act*** **(Alexander)**

A bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity. Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act or PREEMIE Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to expand and coordinate NIH research on preterm labor and delivery, infant mortality, and low birth weight infants. Establishes the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network and the Neonatal Research Units Network within NIH.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 658 *Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2005* **(Brownback)**

Would ban both reproductive cloning and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), often called therapeutic cloning for research. Specifically, it would create criminal and civil penalties for performing or participating in efforts to clone human embryos and for shipping, receiving, or importing a cloned human embryo.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 791 *Safe Nursing and Patient Care Act of 2005* **(Stark)**

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to place limitations on mandatory overtime for nurses, prohibit retaliation against them in any manner with respect to any aspect of employment, and establish civil money penalties for violations of this Act.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 810 *Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005* **(Castle)**

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells, regardless of the date on which the stem cells were derived from a human embryo.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 985 *Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid Act* **(Wilson)**
(Introduced in Senate)

Establishes the Bipartisan Commission on Medicaid to review: (1) each of Medicaid's major functional responsibilities; (2) issues that either threaten or improve the long-term financial condition of Medicaid; (3) Federal and State policies for Medicaid and Medicare enrollment (including enrollment sites), income eligibility, outreach, and documentation; (4) the operation and effectiveness of Medicaid premium assistance programs; and (5) Medicaid payment policies.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 1317 *Stem Cell Research Bill* **(Hatch)**

A bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 1372 *Quality Nursing Care Act of 2005* **(Capps)**

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to impose minimum nurse staffing ratios in Medicare participating hospitals.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 1357 *Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2005* (Weldon)

Would ban both reproductive cloning and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), often called therapeutic cloning for research. Specifically, it would create criminal and civil penalties for performing or participating in efforts to clone human embryos and for shipping, receiving, or importing a cloned human embryo. The House bill would also ban importation of "any product derived from such embryo" which differs from the Senate bill.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 1827 *Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act of 2005* (DeMint)

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require a hospital to report data to the Secretary of HHS regarding the frequency of performing certain services and administering certain drugs and the charge by the hospital for such services or drugs. Also requires hospitals to prominently post such information at each admission site.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 1955 *Health Insurance Modernization and Affordability Act of 2005* (Enzi)

Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for the establishment and governance of small business health plans, which are group health plans sponsored by trade, industry, professional, chamber of commerce or similar business associations that meet ERISA certification requirements.

Status: Senate floor actions

S. 2547 *VA Legislation to Push through new Fitzsimons Project* (Allard)

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out a major medical facility project for a replacement facility for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, in an amount not to exceed \$621,000,000.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 2816 *PREEMIE Act* (Upton)

A bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity. Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act or PREEMIE Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to expand and coordinate NIH research on preterm labor and delivery, infant mortality, and low birthweight infants. Establishes the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network and the Neonatal Research Units Network within NIH.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 3144 *Respect for Life Pluripotent Stem Cell Act* (Barlett)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program at the National Institutes of Health to conduct and support research in the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells by means that do not harm human embryos, and for other purposes.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 3196 *Fair Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2005 (FACT Act)* **(Waxman)**

To amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the scope of information required for the data bank on clinical trials of drugs, and for other purposes.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 5101 *VA Legislation to Push through new Fitzsimons Project* **(Beauprez)**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out a major medical facility project for a replacement facility for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, in an amount not to exceed \$621,000,000.

Status: Still in Committee



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Key Research Federal Legislation 109th Congress, 2nd Session

S. 1926 *Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act* **(Inhofe)**

Rewrites federal criminal code provisions regarding animal enterprise terrorism to prohibit anyone from traveling in or using the mail, or any facility of interstate or foreign commerce for the purpose of damaging or disrupting an animal enterprise.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 610 *Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and
Commercial Application Act of 2005* **(Biggert)**

Would approve a comprehensive energy research and development measure that would authorize \$44 billion over five years for a variety of research and technology

Status: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 123

S. 2109 *National Innovation Act of 2005* **(Ensign)**

In responding to the National Innovative Initiative Report, this legislation focuses on three primary areas of importance to maintaining and improving United States' innovation in the 21st Century; research investment, increasing science and technology talent, and developing an infrastructure.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 50 *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act* **(Ehlers)**

Reestablishes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Department of Commerce (DOC), headed by an Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere who shall serve as the Administrator of NOAA.

Status: Still in Committee

HR 3070 *NASA Reauthorization Act of 2005* **(Calvert)**

To reauthorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 2197 *PACE- Energy Act* **(Domenici)**

A bill to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available through the Department of Energy, including at the National Laboratories.

Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 411

S. 2198 *PACE- Education Act* **(Domenici)**

A bill to ensure the United States successfully competes in the 21st century global economy.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 2199 *PACE- Finance Act* **(Domenici)**

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to; make permanent the tax credit for increasing research activities, increase the rate of such credit from 20 to 40%, expand such credit to include expenses of a research consortia, and allow a business tax credit for the cost of employee continuing education in science or engineering.

Status: Still in Committee



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Key Intellectual Property Federal Legislation 109th Congress, 2nd Session

HR 2795 *The Patent Act of 2005*

(Smith)

Proposes reforms to the U.S. Patent System intended to improve its efficiency and reliability, and bring some elements into harmony with international norms.

Status: House Committee/ Subcommittee Actions

HR 2791 *United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2005* (Sensenbrenner)

Revises the schedule of fees for patents and trademarks. Specifies general fees (filing fees and basic national fees), excess claims fees, examination fees, issue fees, a disclaimer fee, appeal fees, revival fees, patent maintenance fees, search fees, and other fees for processing, services, or materials.



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Key International Federal Legislation 109th Congress, 2nd Session

S. 2611 *Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006* (Specter)

The bill would create a new F-4 visa category to make it easier for foreign graduate students studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in the U.S. to remain here to work after graduation. Unlike current law, these students would not have to prove they intended to return home after graduation and could apply for a change in status from a student visa to a green card. The bill also would increase the cap on H-1B visas from 65,000 to 115,000 per year, with a provision to increase that number by 20 percent if the cap were reached. The measure would retain the existing exemption for those with advanced science and engineering degrees earned in the U.S.

Status: Passed/ agreed to in Senate. Passed with amendments by Yea-Nay Vote 62-36

HR 4437 *Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006* (Sensenbrenner)

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes. Focuses on enforcement and border security, without legalization and without a guest worker program, both of which are critical features of the Senate bill.

Status: Still in Committee



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FY2007 U.S. President's Budget Request

The President's budget calls for overall spending of \$2.77 trillion in FY07, an increase of about two percent over FY06. Discretionary spending would increase by 3.3 percent to \$870.7 billion.

- The increase in discretionary spending in FY07 would be allocated to defense and homeland security. The President's budget would increase defense spending by \$28.5 billion, or 6.9 percent, to \$439.3 billion. (This total does not include funding for Iraq and Afghanistan, for which the Administration anticipates requesting \$50 billion in FY07.) Spending for non-defense homeland security would increase by \$1 billion, or 3.3 percent, to \$33.1 billion.
- Discretionary spending not related to defense or homeland security would be cut by \$2.2 billion, or 0.5 percent overall, to \$398.3 billion.

Summary of the President's FY2007 Request by Agency

National Institutes of Health

The President's FY07 budget request for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is \$28.43 billion, a hard freeze at the FY06 level. NIH's FY06 final appropriation included a one percent across-the-board cut and meant a reduction of \$66 million in nominal terms from FY05, the first such cut for NIH since 1970.

A hard freeze for NIH in FY07 underscores the fact that the federal government has effectively begun the "undoubling" of the agency's budget. Although the number of new grants is an imperfect indicator of biomedical research effort, new grants funded by NIH have already dropped by nearly 15 percent from 10,393 in FY03 to an estimated 9,062 in FY06. The FY07 request, if enacted, will only accelerate this trend. The total number of research project grants (RPGs) funded by NIH in FY07 is projected to decline by 642, from 36,447 in FY06 to 35,805.

Funding for the "NIH Roadmap for Biomedical Research" will increase by \$110 million over the FY06 level to \$443 million. Of the FY07 total, \$111 million is to come from the NIH Director's Discretionary Fund and the remaining \$332 million from the NIH institutes and centers (an estimated 1.2 percent of each institute's budget).

The Roadmap has three principal initiatives:

- New Pathways to Discovery, \$181 million
- Multidisciplinary Research Teams of the Future, \$81 million
- Re-engineering the Clinical Research Enterprise, \$181 million

National Science Foundation

The FY07 budget request for the National Science Foundation (NSF) is \$6.02 billion, an increase of \$439 million, or 7.9 percent, above the FY06 level of \$5.58 billion. NSF is one of three agencies targeted for FY07 funding increases as part of the President's American Competitiveness Initiative.

The request for Research and Related Activities is \$4.67 billion, an increase of \$334 million, or 7.7 percent, above the FY06 funding level of \$4.33 billion.

Within the R&RA directorates, the following funding amounts are proposed:

- **Biological Sciences**--\$607.85 million, a \$31.16 million, or 5.4 percent, increase over FY06 funding
- **Computer and Information Science and Engineering**--\$526.69 million, a \$30.28 million, or 6.1 percent, increase above FY06 funding
- **Engineering**--\$519.67 million, a \$39.11 million, or 8.1 percent, increase over FY06. (This amount does not include funding for the SBIR/STTR program, which would receive 108.88 million, an \$8.52 million, or 8.5 percent, increase over FY06)
- **Geosciences**--\$744.85 million, a \$42.02 million, or six percent, increase over FY06
- **Mathematics and Physical Sciences** --\$1.150 billion, a \$64.85 million, or six percent, increase over FY06
- **Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences**--\$213.76 million, a \$13.85 million, or 6.9 percent, increase over FY06
- **Office of Polar Programs**--\$438.10 million, a \$48.76 million, or 12.5 percent, increase over FY06
- **Integrative Activities**--\$131.37 million, a \$ 5.75 million, or 4.2 percent, reduction from FY06

NASA

The President's FY07 budget request for NASA is \$16.79 billion, an increase of \$169 million, or 3.2 percent, above the FY06 appropriated budget.

- The Administration has requested \$10.52 billion for the SAE account, an increase of \$76 million above the FY06 appropriation level of \$9.76 billion.
- The Science Mission Directorate would receive \$5.33 billion, a \$76 million, or 1.5 percent, increase over the FY06 appropriated level of \$6.09 billion.
- The Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate would receive \$724 million, a cut of \$205 million, or 22 percent, from the FY06 appropriated level of \$928.6 million.
- The Exploration Systems Mission Directorate is by far the biggest winner in the SAE account. The Directorate, which is charged with the development of hardware and supporting technologies for human and robotic space exploration, would receive \$3.9 billion, , an increase of \$864 million, or 29 percent, over the FY06 funding level of \$2.94 billion.

Department of Defense

The Administration's FY07 budget request would provide \$11.08 billion for Defense S&T (defined as budget categories 6.1 basic research, 6.2 applied research, and 6.3 advanced technology development). This is a reduction of \$2.16 billion, or 16.3 percent, from the final appropriated FY06 funding level of \$13.24 billion.

• ***The Budget falls short of the three percent S&T target*** – S&T represents only 2.6 percent of the Administration’s proposed \$439.3 billion Defense budget for FY07. This falls short of the three percent level recommended by the research community and endorsed by the Defense Department’s own 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR).

• ***Overall RDT&E funding to increase, even once congressional earmarks are removed*** – Administration officials attribute substantial reductions in the FY07 Defense S&T budget to the elimination of earmarks. However, total funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) would still rise to \$73.15 billion, an increase of \$200 million. This is 2.8 percent above the FY06 final appropriated funding level of \$71.15 billion. The budget shows that the increase in total RDT&E funding is due to substantial funding increases proposed for non-S&T funding categories that focus on the development, testing, and evaluation of weapons systems.

Basic Research (6.1) -- The President's FY07 budget request would provide \$1.42 billion for Defense 6.1 Basic Research programs, a reduction of \$48.18 million, or 3.3 percent, from the FY06 funding level of \$1.47 billion. However, this funding request is \$103.1 million, or 11.5 percent, more than was requested for basic research last year. It includes all basic research programs funded under the Office of the Secretary of Defense and DARPA, also known as Defense Wide, as well those supported by the respective military services, e.g. the Navy, Army, and Air Force research programs. Basic research represents 12.8 percent of the total budget for Defense S&T.

Applied Research (6.2) -- For Defense 6.2 Applied Research programs, the budget proposes \$4.48 billion

Department of Homeland Security

The President requested \$42.7 billion in FY07 funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), an increase of six percent. The budget outlines five central themes that are unique to DHS: (1) increasing overall preparedness; (2) strengthening the Federal Emergency Management Administration; (3) strengthening border security and reforming immigration; (4) enhancing transportation security; and (5) improving information sharing.

Department of Education

The President's FY07 budget would provide \$82 billion for federal student financial aid, excluding the consolidation of existing student loans. The total represents a \$4.6 billion, or six percent, increase over FY06. It includes \$850 million for the Academic Competitiveness Grants approved as part of the budget reconciliation legislation (S. 1932) passed by Congress.

The budget assumes enactment of the higher education provisions in the budget reconciliation bill, which are known collectively as the Higher Education Reconciliation Act (HERA). HERA made a number of key changes in student aid programs, including an increase to the interest rate on federal Stafford student loans and PLUS loans, increases in Stafford student loan borrowing limits, a decrease in Stafford student loan origination fees, changes to the family contribution and needs analysis process, among other provisions.

The President’s budget, as it did for FY06, proposes to eliminate several student aid programs, including the Federal Perkins Loans program (both Capital Contributions and Loan Cancellations), GEAR UP and LEAP. Overall, the Department of Education budget proposes to eliminate 42 programs for a total savings of \$3.5 billion.

Department of Energy

The Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting \$23.6 billion in discretionary funding for FY07, which includes funding for the agency's defense, environmental management, energy supply R&D, and science programs. The FY07 budget request for DOE is essentially flat funded at the FY06 appropriated level.

As part of the American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI), the President's FY07 budget proposes \$4.1 billion for the DOE Office of Science, which represents a \$505 million, or 14 percent increase, over the FY06 appropriated amount of just under \$3.6 billion

National Endowment for the Humanities

The President's FY07 budget would provide \$141 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the same amount as FY06. Within that total, the request for the *We the People* program is \$15.2 million. The request cuts funding for core programs by approximately \$1.32 million to offset administrative salary and overhead cost increases.

The FY06 budget extends the *We the People* program from a three-year program to an ongoing program (no details are yet available on the new length of the program). In 2003, the President announced that he would request \$100 million over the next three years to support the program, which is designed to deepen Americans' understanding of the nation's history, civics, and culture. Since its inception, the program has received \$21 million in appropriated funds, \$79 million below the target funding level.

The core programs within NEH would receive the same levels as FY05:

- **Research Programs:** \$12.4 million
- **Education Programs:** \$12 million
- **Preservation and Access Programs:** \$18 million
- **Public Programs:** \$12.1 million
- **Federal/State Partnership:** \$31.1 million

National Endowment for the Arts

The FY2006 Budget requests \$124 million for programs and associated costs.



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Highlighted Hill Visits, Tours, and Events

Washington, DC advocacy visits July 2005-June 2006:

- The Office of State and Federal Government Relations has participated in 138 hill and department visits in Washington, DC with President Brown, Chancellors, UCH President Schroffel as well as faculty from all three campuses.

Tours:

- During the state legislative session, the office coordinated special tours of the State Capitol and meetings with legislators who spoke about the legislative process to the following CU and outside groups:
 - Emerging Leaders Program
 - University Perspectives
 - 50 for Colorado
 - UCB Athletes and Coaches
 - Faculty Council
- The Office of State and Federal Government Relations conducted over 20 in-state tours/meetings to all three CU campuses with our Congressional members and/or their staff.

Events:

In addition to our lobbying efforts on both the state and federal side, highlighted below are a few of the many events our office participates in to help garner our internal relationships as well as those with outside entities:

- Citizen of the West Dinner
- CU Boulder School of Music Gala
- CU/UNC/CSU Legislative Reception
- National Science Board visit to the CU Boulder campus
- 50 for Colorado Day at the Capitol
- Emerging Leaders and University Perspectives Program at the Capitol
- Leadership Pikes Peak Dinner & Awards Presentation
- Downtown Denver Deans Breakfast with Legislators
- CU Boulder Music in the Senate
- UCDHSC COP Groundbreaking at Fitzsimons
- UCCS Outreach Trip
- Colorado Space day at the Capitol
- Faculty Breakfast at the Capitol
- CU Cancer Center Breakfast
- UCDHSC Graduate School of Public Affairs *100 Leaders Strong* legislative conference



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CU Ambassadors Program

The Office of State and Federal Government Relations coordinates the University's CU Ambassadors program. The group was formed in 2001, and all participation in the program is strictly voluntary.

The primary goal of CU Ambassadors is to increase awareness and advocate for CU's interests among lawmakers. By influencing state legislative opinion, the program seeks to strengthen the University of Colorado academic programs and support research in a way that benefits all Colorado citizens.

Through their participation in the program, Ambassadors receive:

- ◆ An invitation to attend an Ambassadors-only annual meeting with the CU President.
- ◆ Regular email communication including updates on issues of importance to the University, legislative updates, advance notice of CU outreach events and "CU's Good News" quarterly updates.
- ◆ Legislative Calls to Action - during the legislative session, the President calls on Ambassadors to contact their legislators to advocate for action supporting the University or the interests of higher education.

During the 2006 state session, President Brown and the Office of State and Federal Government Relations asked CU's Ambassadors to contact their state elected officials in support of the JBC's budget proposal. Ambassadors were also asked to thank their legislators for supporting the University. A critical number of Ambassadors responded with phone calls and emails to their state legislators and the Governor's office and assisted the University in achieving its goals.

CU Ambassadors are an increasingly important part of the University's advocacy corps. Ambassadors sound a critical voice with our elected officials, as alumni, friends, and current or future parents of CU students.

Special thanks to all of our Ambassadors who made vital contacts with our elected officials this year.

To join the CU Ambassadors program, please email cuambassadors@cu.edu. Only non-university resources may be used to contact state elected officials.



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The Office of State and Federal Government Relations Team



Tanya Kelly-Bowry
Associate Vice President

Tanya Kelly-Bowry is the Associate Vice President of State and Federal Government Relations. She is the chief state and federal lobbyist for the University of Colorado System. Ms. Kelly-Bowry has served the University of Colorado for the past seven years and is the youngest AVP in the history of the CU System. She is on the President's Executive Committee and weighs in on critical policy issues for the University. In July 2004, Tanya attended Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and was appointed by Governor Bill Owens to the Colorado Commission on Community Service. She is a Hispanic woman who was raised in the San Luis Valley and is fluent in Spanish. An international affairs graduate of CU-Boulder, she received a Master's in nonprofit management from Regis University on a fellowship from the Colorado Trust.



Kirsten Castleman
Deputy Director of State Relations

Kirsten Castleman serves as Deputy Director for State Relations. She focuses her lobbying efforts on health care policy issues for the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, University of Colorado Hospital, and the CU Colorado Springs Beth El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She is the lead on capital issues for the CU system. Kirsten is an active member of the Colorado Health and Hospital Association and was selected as a member of the 50 for Colorado 2005 program, which is administered by Executive Development Programs, a partnership between the Leeds School of Business and the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies at UCB. Kirsten has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville and a Master of Arts in Higher Education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Amanda Lewis
Assistant Director of State and Federal Relations

Amanda Lewis is the Assistant Director of State and Federal Relations. She serves as chief of staff for the office and is responsible for analyzing and tracking all state higher education legislation and policy. In addition, Amanda is the coordinator of the CU Ambassadors Program and she is responsible for all state and federal relations special events including campus tours for congressional members and state legislators. She is a member of the CU System Barrier Busters Committee and a liaison to the Faculty Council Communications Committee. She has worked in the office for the past six years. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder and she is currently working on a Master of Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.



Lynne Lyons
Deputy Director of Federal Relations

Lynne Lyons serves as Deputy Director of Federal Relations. She assists AVP Kelly-Bowry and Director Sprenger on federal special projects for all three campuses. Lynne lobbies on legislation ranging from research funding, academic health, hospital, copyright and intellectual property legislation. She serves on the AAMC Government Relations Steering Committee, the NASULGC Council of Federal Relations and Executive Steering Committee, as well as the AAU Council on Federal Relations. Lynne has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. In 2005, she was selected by President Hoffman to participate in the University's Emerging Leaders Program.



Melissa Miller
Special Assistant to the Associate Vice President

Melissa Miller is the Special Assistant to Associate Vice President Kelly-Bowry. Her position manages the AVP's calendar and travel, as well as many of the office administrative duties, including managing the Office of State and Federal Government Relations budget. Melissa prepares critical correspondence with regard to the University's legislative priorities. In addition, she responds to legislative and constituent requests for information pertaining to the University of Colorado System and aids in tracking state legislation during the session. For four years during her collegiate career, Melissa worked in the office as a student assistant. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English and Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Todd Saliman
Policy Advisor

Todd Saliman is a Policy Advisor for the Office of State and Federal Government Relations. His responsibilities include lobbying at the State Legislature on budgetary and policy matters. He also advises and informs University personnel on policy development, political, public relations and internal issues. Todd is the owner of Todd Saliman and Associates, a governmental affairs firm specializing in advocacy and lobbying at the Colorado State Capitol. Todd served in the State House of Representatives from 1994 through 2002. During his first four years at the Capitol, he served on the Local Government, Transportation, Finance and Appropriations committees. In 1999, he was elected by his colleagues to the Joint Budget Committee and served there for four years. Todd is an honors graduate from the University of Colorado with a B.A. in Political Science.



David Sprenger
Director of Federal Relations

David Sprenger serves as the Director of Federal Relations and is based at the University of Colorado's office in Washington, DC. David works with AVP Kelly-Bowry to cultivate positive relationships with Colorado's Congressional delegation and advocates on all federal issues that impact the University. David has expanded the presence of the University of Colorado within the federal departments and with the Congressional committees. He also represents the University of Colorado at AAU. David sits on the executive board of the Colorado State Society and is also a member of the DC CU Alumni Buffs Club. His professional background includes working as a lobbyist for a top DC firm and a health policy advisor to Congressman Scott McInnis on Capitol Hill. David, a Colorado native, was raised in Colorado Springs and received degrees in political science and history from Regis University.



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