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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.

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STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND VISION 2010

During her administration, President Hoffman made state and federal government relations a priority. Because of lobbying efforts at the state and federal level, CU has become a significant player both in the policy arena and in obtaining state and federal dollars. On the state side, it is expected that both general and capital funds will be in short supply for the foreseeable future. However, the legislature has recently focused on revising the funding formula for Colorado and a bipartisan budget proposal passed by the legislature and supported by the Governor will be on the November 2005 ballot.

In times of state economic crisis, more and more state institutions of higher education turn to the federal government for resources. CU continues to work to secure federal funding for research and special projects.

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 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 - Nanotechnology and Characterization Facility
 - UCD - National Center for Audio / Video Forensics
 - UCCS - Network Information, Space and Security Center
 - UCHSC - Linda Crnic Institute for Developmental Disabilities
- 5) 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).
- 6) Continue education of elected officials through increased contact with faculty, students, and administrators from all four campuses.
- 7) Work to improve internal communication by
 - Holding weekly legislative strategy meetings with top university officers.
 - Providing legislative updates at all four 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.



STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

State Relations

2004-2005 STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Prior to the 2005 General Assembly convening, President Hoffman and the CU Board of Regents established a legislative agenda with the primary goal of maintaining Colorado's higher education budget in the short and long term. Additionally, due to the increase in media coverage and controversial issues surrounding the University over the past twenty-four months, a major initiative for the 2005 session was to help restore and maintain CU's positive image at the Capitol. Although the session included the threat of additional budget cuts and many unforeseen internal challenges, we were successful in fulfilling CU's 2005 legislative priorities.

Stable Means of Funding Budgetary Needs (HB 1194 - passed)

- Refers to the Colorado voters a measure that:
 - Authorizes the state to retain, for the 2004-05 fiscal year and each succeeding fiscal year, all state revenues greater than the limitation on state fiscal year spending but less, as a percentage of the overall state economy, than state fiscal year spending for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.
 - Reduces the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.5% for income tax years that commence on or after January 1, 2006.

Maintaining CU's Positive Image

Our office was successful in maintaining and rebuilding CU's positive image with elected officials and lawmakers through the following means:

- Established personal relationships between CU leadership and legislators.
- Recognized many of the outstanding accomplishments of CU's faculty, staff, and students with dedications and tributes, including:
 - President Betsy Hoffman
 - Distinguished Professor and Nobel Laureate Carl Wieman
 - Members of the 2004 CU Women's Cycling team
 - Members of the 2004 Cross Country team
 - Dr. Charles James Blackwood, Jr., the first African American to graduate from the University of Colorado Medical School
- Provided legislators with the opportunity to interact with faculty and students who are doing research on issues of importance to the state.

DEFEATED LEGISLATION

Several pieces of legislation introduced during the 2005 State session would have had a detrimental impact on the University of Colorado. CU's legislative team successfully defeated these bills.

- **Transmission of health information/international contracts** – Legislation would have drastically reduced the ability of CU and University of Colorado Hospital to transmit health data outside of the United States, or to enter into international contracts for research, business, or academic/study abroad programs.
- **Peer Review** – This bill would have restricted the peer review process for physicians at hospitals.
- **Ability to select a medical professional** – Legislation allowed an injured worker, rather than an employer or insurer, to select the licensed medical professional who would provide medical care in cases of workers' compensation.



STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
General Fund, Cash Fund Appropriations, and Capital Construction FY2006

FY 2006 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

The University successfully prevented any additional General Fund cuts for FY 05/06. With the adoption of SB 04-189 and SB 04-252 last session, the University was able to apply for enterprise status under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. In August 2004, the Legislative Audit Committee designated the University an enterprise.

General fund support for need based financial aid increased in FY 05/06 by \$4.7 million for all of higher education. Unfortunately, this increase came at the expense of merit based aid, from which the \$4.7 million was transferred into need based aid. The Legislature and Governor gave CU the ability to offset the general fund decrease in merit based aid with additional spending authority.

CU's state general fund appropriation for FY 2006 is \$150.7 million.

FY 2006 CASH FUND APPROPRIATIONS (TUITION)

The budget bill authorized the University of Colorado to increase cash spending by 11.1%. This will allow the University to generate an additional \$43 million in revenue. The 11.1% increase was approved to fund mandated costs, a quality initiative, tuition differentials at the Health Sciences Center and merit based aid.

In response to some concerns regarding the tuition increases that were approved to utilize the 11.1% spending authority increase the University committed to spending \$5.2 million to buy down the tuition increase for all Arts and Sciences resident undergraduate students. The money needed to implement this buy down plan will result in the elimination of 15 FY 2006 budgeted faculty positions, reduced funding for controlled maintenance and other capital initiatives, reduced number of academic advisors and a significantly reduced merit financial aid.

Taking the buy down into consideration, an incoming resident undergraduate Arts and Sciences freshman will pay \$4,002 in tuition in 2006 while a nonresident undergraduate Arts and Sciences freshman will pay \$21,900.

FY 2006 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

CU is fortunate that the CDC appropriated state funds for numerous controlled maintenance projects on all campuses and \$1.5M in state funds for the renovation of Dwire Hall at UCCS. Several important cash-funded projects were approved by the CDC, including the Law School, Business School, and ATLAS at UCB, as well as funding for the parking garage at UCCS, and academic buildings at Fitzsimons if and when the lawsuit questioning the legality of Certificates of Participations is dismissed.

**STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS***State Capital Construction Summary FY2006*

Campus and Project	State Appropriation	Cash Appropriation	Total Appropriation
BOULDER CAMPUS			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
Campus Steam Line Upgrades	\$361,961	\$0	\$361,961
Steam Tunnel Structural Repairs	\$359,755	\$0	\$359,755
Upgrade Fire Sprinklers and Alarms, Various Buildings	\$914,654	\$0	\$914,654
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Business School Renovation and Addition	\$0	\$25,072,420	\$25,072,420
Information Technology Infrastructure	\$0	\$13,524,930	\$13,524,930
Recreation Center, Curtain Wall at Pool	\$0	\$613,644	\$613,644
Backflow Prevention, Research Properties	\$0	\$1,271,280	\$1,271,280
TOTAL UCB CAPITAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,636,370	\$40,482,274	\$42,118,644
COLORADO SPRINGS CAMPUS			
<i>Controlled Maintenance – None</i>			
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Dwire Hall Renovation and Technology Upgrade	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
Parking Garage and Public Safety Facility	\$0	\$4,802,000	\$4,802,000
Repair Campus Infrastructure	\$516,796	\$0	\$516,796
Science and Engineering Building	\$0	\$21,800,000	\$21,800,000
TOTAL UCCS APPROPRIATION	\$2,016,796	\$28,102,000	\$30,118,796

**STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS***State Capital Construction Summary FY2006*

Campus and Project	State Appropriation	Cash Appropriation	Total Appropriation
DENVER/AURARIA CAMPUS			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
Replace Fire Security Monitoring Infrastructure	\$478,921	\$0	\$487,921
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Parking Lots K and L Renovation	\$0	\$1,422,484	\$1,422,484
TOTAL UCD/AURARIA CAPITAL APPROPRIATION	\$478,921	\$1,422,484	\$1,901,405
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER			
<i>Controlled Maintenance</i>			
Fire Protection Upgrade, Building 500	\$496,430	\$0	\$496,430
<i>Capital Construction</i>			
Fitzsimons, Infrastructure Phase 9	\$0	\$5,424,376	\$5,424,376
Fitzsimons Trust Fund/Lease Purchase Payment	\$0	\$7,114,756	\$7,114,756
TOTAL UCHSC APPROPRIATION	\$496,430	\$12,539,132	\$13,035,562
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS			
Controlled Maintenance Projects	\$2,611,721	\$0	\$2,611,721
Capital Construction Projects	\$2,016,796	\$82,545,890	\$84,562,686
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,628,517	\$82,545,890	\$87,174,407

STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Key State Higher Education Legislation

Senate Bill 003 *Colorado Achievement Scholarship* (Tapia/Hall)

Creates the Colorado achievement scholarship program for the purposes of promoting pre-collegiate curriculum, increasing access to postsecondary education, and decreasing the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

APPROVED by Governor April 7, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

Senate Bill 037 *Appeal From Denial of Health Benefits* (Gordon/Hefley)

In provisions governing the denial of benefits by a health insurer, allows a covered person to request a second-level internal appeal from a denial of health benefits. If the covered person requests a second-level internal appeal, requires the covered person to pay for the independent external review prior to such review. Requires the health coverage plan to reimburse the covered person for the costs of the review if the external expert reviewer overturns the denial of benefits.

APPROVED by Governor June 1, 2005

EFFECTIVE January 1, 2006

Senate Bill 053 *National Guard Tuition Assistance* (Taylor/Coleman)

Legislative Audit Committee authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to pay a Colorado National Guard member's student fees through the national guard tuition assistance program.

APPROVED by Governor June 2, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

Senate Bill 113 *Supplemental Appropriation for Dept. of Higher Ed* (Tapia/Plant)

Creates a supplemental appropriation for the Department of Higher Education.

APPROVED by Governor March 11, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

Senate Bill 131 *Open Records Exception for Security Info* (Grossman/Carroll T.)

Adds a provision to the open records law stating that a custodian of records containing specialized details of security arrangements or investigations may deny access to the records if the disclosure of the records would pose a real and substantial threat to public health or safety or to the security of a government facility, building, structure or information storage system.

APPROVED by Governor May 12, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

Senate Bill 132 *Modifications to the “College Opportunity Fund” Act* **(Windels/Paccione)**

Makes modifications to the College Opportunity Fund Act of 2004.

APPROVED by Governor May 12, 2005

PORTIONS EFFECTIVE Upon passage

PORTIONS EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

Senate Bill 158 *In-State Tuition for Military Personnel* **(Teck/Witwer)**

Specifies that a member of the armed forces is eligible for in-state tuition status if the member is domiciled in Colorado for 12 continuous months prior to enlistment and returns to Colorado within 6 months following discharge from the military.

APPROVED by Governor May 27, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

House Bill 1026 *Educator Licensure* **(King/Windels)**

Rather than requiring an applicant for a license endorsement in special education to complete a program in special education, requires the applicant to complete the course work and assessments identified by rule of the state board of education.

Authorizes the state board to adopt rules to create a procedure for receiving complaints against persons applying for or holding educator licenses and certificates. Requires the rules to include procedures for investigation and for granting notice and a hearing if the department of education determines there is probable cause to proceed with a formal charge.

Requires an applicant for educator license renewal to submit a complete set of fingerprints with the renewal application, unless the applicant has previously submitted a set. For purposes of professional development activities, authorizes the department to accept course work from any community, technical, or junior college, not just those in the statewide system. Requires a license holder to demonstrate that any education travel he or she submits as a professional development activity is related to the license holder’s endorsement area.

Makes a temporary teacher eligibility authorization valid for one year, and allows the department to renew the authorization twice. Expands the criteria for a temporary authorization to make it available to a person who is eligible to hold a certificate or license as an educator in another state.

APPROVED by Governor April 7, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon passage

House Bill 1041

***Records of Higher Education
Foundations***

(Knoedler/Tupa)

Specifies that the financial records of a nonprofit entity that is organized for the benefit of one or more state institutions of higher education are public records for purposes of the open records act. Specifies that these financial records shall not include any names or other identifying information of the donors of the nonprofit entity. Requires each governing board to submit annually to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education a comprehensive list of each donation received, monetary or in-kind, by the governing board's institutions from a nonprofit entity. Requires the department of higher education to forward the list to the Governor and the Joint Budget Committee with the department's annual budget submission.

APPROVED by Governor May 24, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon passage

House Bill 1057

Notice of Postsecondary Ed Opportunities (Frangas/Sandoval)

Requires each school district board of education to adopt a policy for the provision of notice to parents and legal guardians of high school students concerning: the Colorado Commission on Higher Education's pre-collegiate curriculum; potential financial liabilities if a student later needs remedial education; and the availability of information regarding financial assistance to attend a 4-year college or university.

APPROVED by Governor May 2, 2005

EFFECTIVE August 10, 2005

Note: No Safety Clause

House Bill 1063

CLUC Review Local Gov Orders

(Pommer/Entz)

Repeals existing statutory requirements that, among other things, require the Colorado Land Use Commission to: Review the contents of a local government order designating a matter of state interest and adopting guidelines for the administration of the designation and to accept the designation and guidelines or recommend a modification of the designation and guidelines; and where the commission decides that modification of the designation or guidelines is required, submit to the local government written notification of its recommendations and to specify in writing the modifications which the commission deems necessary.

APPROVED by Governor June 1, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon passage

House Bill 1139

Increase Worker's Comp Enforcement

(Coleman/Takis)

Strengthens the authority of the Division of Workers' Compensation in the Department of Labor and Employment to collect penalties from employers who repeatedly and willfully violate requirements to maintain workers' compensation insurance.

APPROVED by Governor April 7, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

House Bill 1194 *Stable Means of Funding Budgetary Needs* **(Romanoff/Johnson)**

Refers to the voters of the state a measure that: Authorizes the state to retain, for the 2004-05 fiscal year and each succeeding fiscal year, all state revenues greater than the limitation on state fiscal year spending but less, as a percentage of the overall state economy, than state fiscal year spending for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Reduces the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.5% for income tax years that commence on or after January 1, 2006.

EFFECTIVE Referred to voters – November, 2005

House Bill 1317 *Temp State Income Tax Rate Reduction* **(Romanoff/Johnson)**

For any state fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2010, requires a temporary reduction of the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.5% of federal taxable income to refund a portion of the excess state revenues that are required to be refunded pursuant to section 20 (7) (a) of article X of the state constitution, if the amount of state revenues in excess of the limitation on state fiscal year spending imposed by TABOR that are required to be refunded for such state fiscal year exceeds the estimated amount by which state revenue would be decreased as the result of such reduction in the state income tax rate. Specifies that the state income tax rate shall be reduced for the income tax year commencing during the calendar year in which the state fiscal year for which there were excess state revenues ended.

Specifies that the act is only effective if House Bill 05-1194, concerning an adjustment to the amount of state revenues in excess of the limitation on state fiscal year spending in TABOR in order to provide a more stable means of funding state budgetary needs, is adopted by the voters

APPROVED by Governor June 6, 2005

EFFECTIVE Only effective if HB 1194 is approved by voters in November, 2005

House Bill 1330 *State Bldg Sale and Lease-Purchase Agreement* **(Buescher/Owen)**

Concerning the sale of a legal interest in an eligible state facility if the general fund statutory reserve is projected to be less than one-half of the required amount for the 2005-06 fiscal year, provided that the eligible state facility is simultaneously leased back by the state pursuant to a lease-purchase agreement.

APPROVED by Governor June 3, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

House Bill 1333 *Allow Financing for Critical State Needs* **(Buescher/Isgar)**

Concerning authorization for the state to fund critical needs by creating the critical needs financing corporation, and, in connection therewith, and only if the voters of the state approve House Bill 05-1194, which, if approved, will allow the state to retain and spend excess state

revenues, at the November 2005 statewide election, authorizing the corporation and the department of transportation to incur multiple-fiscal year financial obligations approved by voters of the state at a statewide election by issuing critical needs notes for the purposes, under the terms, and up to the maximum amounts approved by the voters and authorizing the general assembly to make annual appropriations that are exempt from the statutory limitation on state general fund appropriations from the state general fund and from other legally available sources to a new critical needs fund to be used to pay the principal, interest, and other costs of the notes and to fund strategic transportation projects.

APPROVED by Governor June 1, 2005

EFFECTIVE Only effective if HB 1194 is approved by voters in November, 2005

House Bill 1337 *Revisor's Bill* **(Marshall/Veiga)**

Amends or repeals various statutory provisions that are obsolete, inconsistent, or in conflict with other law, clarifies the language and more accurately reflects the legislative intent of the laws. The specific reasons for each amendment or repeal are set forth in the appendix to this bill.

APPROVED by Governor June 1, 2005

EFFECTIVE No later than January 1, 2006

House Bill 1339 *State Personnel Board Hearings* **(Marshall/Anderson)**

Concerning procedures related to hearings held by the State Personnel Board. Allows the Board to authorize administrative law judges to conduct hearings on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board.

APPROVED by Governor May 27, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

House Bill 1341 *Lease for Capital Projects* **(McFadyen/Anderson)**

Subject to the approval of the Office of State Planning and Budgeting or the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and the Capital Development Committee, and the Joint Budget Committee, authorizes state departments and agencies and institutions of higher education to enter into lease agreements for up to 30 years for capital development projects.

Provides that OSPB, the CCHE, CDC, and JBC approval are not required if the project was approved for funding by the CDC and JBC prior to July 1, 2004.

APPROVED by Governor June 3, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon passage

House Joint Resolution *Ceal Barry Day*
1024

(Weissmann/Veiga)

With the announcement of her retirement, this resolution recognizes and honors Ceal Barry for her outstanding achievements and leadership over 22 years of coaching the University of Colorado's women's basketball team and proclaims March 2, 2005 as Ceal Barry Day in the State of Colorado.

House Joint Resolution *Space Industry Day*
1035

(Cloer/Williams)

Expresses appreciation to the men and women who support the military, civil, and commercial space and aerospace industry in Colorado, including the contributions of Colorado's universities and colleges. Recognizes that the University of Colorado at Boulder is the top public university recipient of NASA funding and an active supporter of the Colorado Space Coalition, and that the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and Air Force Space Command have entered into an agreement that establishes UCCS as the lead university for a consortium of advanced education institutions to Colorado Space Industry Day.



STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Key State Health Care Legislation

Senate Bill 034 *Ban Alcohol Without Liquid Devices* **(Hagedorn/Boyd)**

Prohibits the sale, purchase, and use of devices that create alcohol vapor from a mixture of alcohol beverage and oxygen. Exempts state institutions, hospitals or institutions of higher education engaged in bona fide research. Requires such institutions to file a notice of possession with the proper authorities.

APPROVED by Governor April 27, 2005

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

Senate Bill 087 *Childhood Immunizations* **(Shaffer/Witwer)**

Creates a notification system in the state's immunization tracking system. Allows authorities to notify a parent if immunizations are due or past due. Allows guardians the right to refuse immunizations or the tracking of immunizations.

APPROVED by Governor April 29, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

Senate Bill 155 *Certified Nurse Aide Medication Admin* **(Tochtrop/Jahn)**

Requires a certified nurse aide to meet specific prerequisites and training as a medication aide to administer medications in nursing facilities. Requires the training to become a medication aide to include classroom training, skills demonstration, and clinical experience. Requires specific topics to be included in the training classes. Limits the tasks that a medication aide may perform after completing a training program.

APPROVED by Governor June 2, 2005

EFFECTIVE August 8, 2005

Senate Bill 221 *HIFA Waiver* **(Hagedorn/Buescher)**

Requires the state department to prepare a waiver under the health insurance flexibility and accountability demonstration program to create a new service delivery or purchasing system in order to better serve children and adults under the ColoradoCares program.

APPROVED by Governor May 26, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

Senate Bill 227 *Provision Of Health Care Services* **(Hagedorn/Marshall)**

Establishes a standing task force of ten legislators to study the provision of health care services, health insurance benefits, reimbursement issues, network adequacy, and other health care issues that may affect health insurance and health care. The committee will be able to appoint subcommittees made up of health care professionals and will be funded with gifts, grants and donations.

APPROVED by Governor June 2, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

Senate Bill 244 *Med Nursing Telemed Interstate Compact* **(Hagedorn/Curry)**

Concerning increased access to health care through the use of appropriate communication technologies, and, in connection therewith, promoting the study of telemedicine and authorizing the negotiation of interstate agreements to promote efficiency in the delivery of medical and nursing services. Directs the health care task force to study the provision of telemedicine.

APPROVED by Governor May 26, 2005

PORTIONS EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

PORTIONS EFFECTIVE July 1, 2005

House Bill 1015 *Medicaid Substance Abuse Treatment* **(Romanoff/Johnson)**

Adds outpatient substance abuse treatment as an optional service to the medical services program. Requires the state auditor to analyze the cost benefit of adding the service, and to report the results of such audits to the Legislative Audit Committee on or before January 1, 2011. If the Legislative Audit Committee finds that the addition of benefits has resulted in an overall cost increase to the medical assistance program, the law will be repealed on or before July 1, 2011.

APPROVED by Governor May 26, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

House Bill 1025 *Presumptive Eligibility Under Medicaid* **(Stafford/Hagedorn)**

Allows a pregnant woman to be presumptively eligible for specified services under the state's medicaid program. Requires patient to declare all pertinent information related to income, assets, and status, including immigration status. Services terminate if and when patient becomes ineligible; does not provide services for undocumented aliens.

APPROVED by Governor April 22, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

House Bill 1066 *Obesity Treatment Under Medicaid* **(Madden/Sandoval)**

Creates an obesity treatment pilot program for the purpose of treating a qualifying Medicaid recipient. For fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 program will be funded by gifts, grants and donations. UCDHSC Professor Jim Hill's Center for Human Nutrition will design and implement the pilot program through the use of behavioral modification, self-management training, and medication.

APPROVED by Governor 5/26/2005

EFFECTIVE 7/1/2005

House Bill 1086 *Reinstate Medicaid For Legal Immigrants* **(Plant/Tapia)**

Reinstates medical assistance eligibility to specific groups of qualified legal immigrants and specifies that these legal immigrants qualify as an optional group to be served under the state's medicaid program.

APPROVED by Governor February 2, 2005

PORTIONS EFFECTIVE January 1, 2005

PORTIONS EFFECTIVE upon implementation and notice

House Bill 1152 *Low-cost Prescription Drugs* **(Frangas/Hagedorn)**

Allows a Colorado resident at or below three hundred percent of the Federal poverty level who does not have all of his or her prescription drugs paid for through health insurance to be eligible to purchase lower cost prescription drugs under the Colorado Cares RX program, to be administered by the State Department in order to protect the health status of uninsured and underinsured individuals and older Coloradans.

VETOED by Governor 6/1/2005

House Bill 1262 *Tobacco Tax Legislation* **(Boyd/Hagedorn)**

Determines the appropriation of tobacco taxes for health-related purposes pursuant to section 21 of article X of the state constitution, established by state-wide ballot initiative in November 2004. Specifies how tax revenues will be appropriated to expand medicaid eligibility for children and parents through the children's Health Plan Plus (CHP+); to support tobacco cessation and education programs; to provide treatment and expand screenings for breast and cervical cancer; to fund initiatives to expand health care accessibility in rural areas; to earmark funds to address health disparities in underserved populations; and to fund a grant program for disease control in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular and pulmonary disease. Creates a reserve fund for program expansion.

APPROVED by Governor June 2, 2005

EFFECTIVE Upon Passage

Senate Joint
Resolution 035

CU Center for Women's Health Research (Williams/Todd)

Honors and applauds the creation and efforts of the Center for Women's Health Research at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, which is dedicated to closing the "knowledge gap" in women's health issues through research by physicians and scientists which will enhance the quality and longevity of life for all women.



STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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, 1st Session.

Thanks to the strong relationships built by President Hoffman and the Chancellors with our Congressional delegation, this year we succeeded in getting funding for special projects on all three campuses for the second year in a row. 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 FY2005 Appropriations

- ◆ UCHSC received \$1,000,000 for the Audiology Center.
- ◆ UCHSC received \$ 2,500,000 for the Fitzsimons campus.
- ◆ UCCS received \$2,500,000 for the Network Information and Space Security Center.
- ◆ UCD received \$200,000 for the Center on Domestic Violence.
- ◆ UCB received \$325,000 for the Institute for Micro/Nano Technology for Engineering and Life Sciences at University of Colorado at Boulder.

Special Projects Funding Requests in FY2005

In February 2005, President Hoffman and Associate Vice President Kelly-Bowry joined David Sprenger in Washington, DC, to do Hill visits with our congressional members to discuss the University of Colorado's federal initiatives for FY05. 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.
- ◆ \$6.5 million for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Network and Information Security Center (NISSC).
- ◆ \$2 million for the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center Downtown Denver Campus National Center for Audio/Video Forensics.
- ◆ \$4 million for the Institute for Micro/Nano Technology for Engineering and Life Sciences at University of Colorado at Boulder.
- ◆ \$1 million for the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Research Funding in FY2005

In addition to the federal initiatives, President Hoffman 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 FY04, the University of Colorado received \$445.9 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



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Key Higher Education Federal Legislation 109th Congress, 1st Session

S. 28 *To Amend the Provisions of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 relating to the establishment of university-based centers for homeland security* **(Nelson)**

Replace specific criteria that the Secretary of Homeland Security must consider in the selection of one or more university-based centers for homeland security; and (2) eliminate the requirement that the Secretary report to Congress on establishment of such a center.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 238 *Museum and Library Services Act* **(Reed)**

Bill reauthorizes the Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) and the Library Services and Technology Act to extend authorizations of appropriations and revise programs under such Acts.

Status: Still in committee

S. 256 *CARE Act* **(Grassley)**

Bill allows taxpayers to make tax-free donations to charities, including universities, from proceeds of their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's)

Status: Still in Committee

S. 272 *CARE Act* **(Santorum)**

Bill allows taxpayers to make tax-free donations to charities, including universities, from proceeds of their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's)

Status: Still in Committee

S.476 *CARE Act* **(Grassley)**

Bill would allow individuals to “rollover”, or donate, funds in their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to charitable organizations, including institutions of higher education, without incurring tax penalties.

Status: Passed in the Senate

S. 888 *Museum and Library Services Act* **(Gregg)**

Bill reauthorizes the Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) and the Library Services and Technology Act to extend authorizations of appropriations and revise programs under such Acts. Authorization number is \$250 million.

Status: Signed into law September 25, 2003

S.1191 *Intellectual Property Protection Restoration Act* **(Leahy)**

The bill proposes to grant states the right to protect intellectual property rights only if those states that are willing to give up their own sovereign immunity from lawsuits for intellectual property infringements by a state entity or official.

Status: Still in committee

S. 1350 *Risk to Personal Data Act* **(Feinstein)**

A bill to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of electronic data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information.

Status: Still in Committee

S. 1545 *Dream Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2003)* **(Hatch)**

Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to repeal the denial of unlawful aliens eligibility for education benefits based on Senate residence unless U.S. national is similarly eligible without regard to such residence.

Status: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar

H.R.7 *Charitable Giving Act* **(Blunt)**

Bill would allow tax free donations from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) for charitable purposes, including institutions of higher education. Also the bill repeals grassroots expenditure limit for charitable organizations.

Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate

H.R. 13 *Museum and Library Services Act* **(Hoekstra)**

The bill would revise several visa processes and procedures, including those related to international students.

Status: Signed into law September 25, 2003

H.R 107 *Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act* **(Boucher)**

Bill proposes three key changes to sections of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998 and reaffirms fair use in the digital environment.

Status: Still in committee

H.R. 484 *To Make Certain Amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002* **(Ose)**

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, to designate one or more university-based centers for homeland security.

Status: Still in Committee

H.R. 2211 *Ready to Teach Act of 2003* **(Gingrey)**

Bill would reauthorize Title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Related to H.RES.310

Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate

H.R. 2344 *Intellectual Property Protection Restoration* **(Smith)**

See S. 1191, Intellectual Property Protection Restoration Act.

Status: Still in committee

H.R.2391 *Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act* **(Smith)**

Bill proposes to promote research among universities, the public sector, and private enterprise by allowing a patent application to be approved if it involves multiple organizations. This is in response to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Oddzon Products, Inc., v. Just Toys, Inc., et. al*, in which the court held that confidential information exchanged between members of a research team who represent multiple organizations may be used to invalidate a patent application.

Status: Passed in the House, sent to the Senate for consideration

H.R. 3076 *Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act* **(Hoekstra)**

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provisions, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.). It would ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education, and for other purposes.

Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate

H.R. 3077 *International Studies in Higher Education Act* **(Hoekstra)**

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to revise requirements and reauthorize appropriations through FY 2009 for International Education Programs.

Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate

H.R. 3261 *Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act* **(Coble)**

Bill provides a broad exclusion from liability for educational institutions using databases for nonprofit educational, scientific, or research purposes.

Status: Placed on Union Calendar in the House

H.R. 3311 *Affordability in Higher Education Act of 2003* **(McKeon)**

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to establish: (1) a college Affordability Index for consumer information and public accountability in higher education; (2) a college Affordability Demonstration Program for supporting innovative approaches to higher education; and (3) requirements as conditions of participation in HEA student aid programs, for institutions of higher education and accrediting agencies with respect to acceptance of transfers of student credits. Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to reducing the administrative and regulatory burden of Federal student financial assistance programs on institutions and such burden's impact on their tuition and fees.

Status: Still in Committee

A bill to amend Title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Status: Signed into Law December 6, 2003

S.1899 *Human Cloning Prohibition Act* **(Brownback)**

Bill would prohibit (1) performing or attempting to perform human cloning; (2) participating in such an attempt; (3) shipping or receiving an embryo produced by human cloning or any product derived from such embryo; or (4) importing such an embryo or product.

Status: Still in Committee

H.R. 1 *Medicare Prescription Drug Modernization Act* **(Hastert)**

Bill would enact legislation to amend Title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program and to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program.

Status: Signed into law December 8, 2003

H.R. 116 *Veterans' New Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act* **(Hefley)**

Bill authorizes the move of the VAMC to Fitzsimons.

Status: Placed on Union Calendar in the House

H.R. 328 *Access to Hospitals Act* **(Whitfield)**

Bill extends Medicaid DSH allotments that expired last October to FY2003 and beyond.

Status: Still in Committee

H.R. 531 *State Children's Health Insurance Program* **(Tauzin)**

Bill would Amend Title XXI of the Social Security Act to revise the rule for redistribution and extended availability of allotments to States.

Status: Passed in the House and referred to the Senate

H.R. 801 *Cloning Prohibition Act* **(Greenwood)**

Bill allows research using therapeutic cloning while maintaining criminal penalties for reproductive cloning. AAMC endorses this bill.

Status: Still in Committee

H.R. 816 *State and Budget Relief Act* **(King)**

Bill provides certain temporary increases in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) to help states finance increases in enrollment due to rising unemployment and to prevent reductions in health insurance coverage due to state budget crises.

Status: Still in Committee

H.R. 1710/S. 899 *American Hospital Preservation Act* **(Foley)**

Bill would restore the full market basket percentage increase applied to payments to hospitals for inpatient hospital services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries as well as restore the reimbursement factor for indirect medical education payments to teaching hospitals.

Status: Still in Committee

H.R. 2122 *Project BioShield Act* **(Tauzin)**

Amends the Public Health Service Act regarding preparations for public health emergencies affecting national security, including a bio-terrorist attack.

Status: Passed in the House, referred to the Senate



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FY2006 U.S. President's Budget Request

The President's budget calls for overall spending of \$2.55 trillion in FY06, an increase of about three percent. Discretionary spending would increase by 2.1 percent – less than the expected rate of inflation – to \$840.3 billion.

- The additional discretionary spending in FY06 would be allocated to defense and homeland security. The President's budget would increase defense spending by \$19 billion (4.8%) to \$419.3 billion. (That total does not include funding for Iraq and Afghanistan, for which the Administration is expected to request \$80 billion in the next few weeks.) Spending for non-Defense homeland security would increase by \$975 million (3%) to \$32.2 billion.
- Discretionary spending not related to defense or homeland security would be cut by about \$2 billion (0.7%) below the FY05 level, to \$389 billion. The Administration characterizes this as “the tightest such restraint proposed since the Reagan Administration.” Several agencies would receive budget cuts.

Summary of the President's FY2006 Request by Agency

Department of Defense (DOD): R&D would increase by \$417 million (1%); FS&T would drop by \$905 million (14%).

Department of Homeland Security (DHS): R&D would increase by \$282 million (24%); FS&T is not listed.

National Science Foundation (NSF): Funding would increase by \$112 million (3%).

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Funding would increase by \$163 million (0.7%).

NASA: R&D would drop by \$101 million, or 1 percent; FS&T would drop by \$278 million (5%).

Department of Energy (DOE): R&D would drop by \$101 million (1%); FS&T would drop by \$278 million (5%).

National Institutes of Health

The President's FY06 budget request at the program level for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is \$28.845 billion, an increase of \$196 million (0.7%) above the FY05 level of \$28.6 billion. Some \$50 million of this increase is for radiological/nuclear countermeasures development.

The Administration estimates that the FY06 budget would support an estimated 9,463 new research project grants (RPGs) for \$3.6 billion, an increase of about 247 competing RPGs from FY05. The budget document states that, "while no inflationary increases are provided for direct, recurring costs in non-competing RPGs, where the NIH has committed to a programmatic increase in an award, such increases will be provided."

Funding for the "NIH Roadmap for Biomedical Research" will increase to \$333 million in FY06, a \$98 million increase above FY05. Of the FY06 total, \$83 million is to come from the NIH Director's Discretionary Fund (DDF) and the remaining \$250 million from the NIH institutes and centers.

The Roadmap has three principal initiatives:

- New Pathways to Discovery: \$169 million
- Multidisciplinary Research Teams of the Future: \$44 million
- Re-engineering the Clinical Research Enterprise: \$120 million.

As with the FY05 budget request, the Administration's FY06 budget requests no funding for non-biodefense extramural construction.

National Science Foundation

The President's FY06 budget request for the National Science Foundation (NSF) is \$5.605 billion, an increase of \$132.18 million (2.4%) above the FY05 level of \$5.472 billion. The Administration's request does not restore the cuts absorbed by NSF in FY05 or even restore NSF to its FY04 funding level of \$5.652 billion.

The request for Research and Related Activities is \$4.33 billion, an increase of \$112.94 million (2.7%) above the FY05 funding level of \$4.22 billion. The FY04 comparable for R&RA was \$4.29 billion.

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

- **Biological Sciences:** \$581.79 million, a \$5.18 million (0.9%) increase over FY05 funding.
- **Computer and Information Science and Engineering:** \$620.56 million, a \$6.84 million (1.1%) increase above FY05 funding.
- **Engineering:** \$580.68 million, a \$19.38 million (3.5%) increase over FY05.
- **Geosciences:** \$709.10 million, a \$14.94 million (2.2%) increase over FY05.
- **Mathematics and Physical Sciences:** \$1.086 billion, a \$16.37 million (1.5%) increase over FY05.
- **Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences:** \$198.79 million, a \$1.89 million (1.0%) increase over FY05.
- **Office of Polar Programs:** \$319.41 million, a \$42.57 million (15.4%) increase over FY05 (this total does not include the \$48 million cost of polar icebreaking discussed above).
- **Integrative Activities:** \$134.90 million, a \$ 4.99 million (3.8%) increase over FY05.

NASA

As expected, the President's overall request for NASA is \$16.45 billion, an increase of \$386 million (2.4%) over the FY05 final appropriation of \$16.07 billion. Once again, NASA is proposing to reorganize its budget structure. NASA has moved the Exploration Systems line from what traditionally had been called the Human Space Flight program into the Science Aeronautics and Exploration line. This essentially consolidates the budget into three broad

categories – Exploration Capabilities (which consists of the Shuttle, the International Space Station (ISS) and Space and Flight Support), the Inspector General, and Science, Aeronautics and Exploration.

- **Space Science** – The Science line, which incorporates both the former Office of Space Science and the Office of Earth Science, is slated to receive \$5.476 billion, a drop of \$51 million (0.9%) from the FY05 funding level of \$5.527 billion.
- **Science, Aeronautics and Exploration** – An expanded budget category that would be funded at \$9.661 billion in FY06. Most of the proposed increase is for Exploration Systems, which would receive \$3.16 billion, up from \$2.68 billion in FY05.
- **Space Operations** – The Space Operations line now comprises the operations for both the ISS and Shuttle. For FY06, the Space Operations line would receive \$6.76 billion, approximately \$59 million above the FY05 funding level of \$6.7 billion.

Department of Defense

The FY06 Presidential Budget Request (PBR) provides \$10.5 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 \$2.55 billion (19.5%) from the final appropriated FY05 funding level of \$13.1 billion. It is also approximately \$28 million less than what the President requested for Defense S&T in FY05.

- ***The Budget falls short of the 3% S&T target established in the QDR*** -- As a percentage of the Administration's proposed \$419.3 billion FY06 Defense budget, S&T represents only 2.5% of the total. This falls well short of the 3% recommended by both the Defense Science Board in 1998 and endorsed by the Defense Department's own 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review(QDR).
- ***Other RDT&E funding categories receive significant funding increases*** -- Despite the significant reductions proposed for the Defense S&T categories in the PBR, total funding for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) would increase to \$69.4 billion, an increase of \$157 million (0.2%) above the FY05 funding level of \$69.2 billion.

Department of Homeland Security

The President's budget provides \$29.3 billion in net discretionary budget authority for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This is \$258 million (0.8%) more than the \$29.0 billion provided in FY05. The total does not include biodefense and mandatory fee-funded activities.

- **Science and Technology Directorate** – Within DHS, \$1.37 billion is designated for the Science and Technology (S&T) directorate, an increase of \$253 million over the FY05 level of \$1.11 billion. Out of the S&T total, \$1.29 billion is designated for Research, Development, Acquisition and Operations (RDA&O) programs and \$81.4 million is allocated for Management and Administration (i.e. salaries and expenses). The DHS budget justification documents provide no information about specific funding levels for the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA) or the Office of Research and Development (ORD).

Department of Education

The President's FY06 budget would provide \$78.4 billion for federal student financial aid, excluding the consolidation of existing student loans. This represents a \$5.2 billion (7.1%) increase over FY05.

The Administration's request for fiscal year 2006 includes \$1.2 billion for higher education programs (including graduate and international education, as well as institutional aid programs), which are proposed for reauthorization under the Higher Education Act. This request complements the Administration's proposals for elementary and secondary education by helping to ensure the availability of quality postsecondary educational opportunities.

Department of Energy

The Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting \$23.4 billion in discretionary funding for FY06, including funding for the agency's defense, environmental management, energy supply R&D, and science programs. This represents a reduction of \$475 million (2%) from the FY05 funding level of \$23.9 billion.

The President's FY06 budget proposes \$3.46 billion for DOE's Office of Science programs, which is \$137 million (3.8%) less than the \$3.60 billion that was appropriated by Congress in FY05.

National Endowment for the Humanities

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is flat-funded at the FY05 appropriated level of \$138 million. Within this total, the President is requesting \$11 million for the *We the People* program, the same level as FY05.

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:** \$12.9 million
- **Education Programs:** \$12.4 million
- **Preservation and Access Programs:** \$18.6 million
- **Federal/State Partnership:** \$31.4 million

National Endowment for the Arts

The FY2006 Budget requests \$121 million for programs and associated costs.



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Highlighted Hill Visits, Tours, and Events

Washington, DC advocacy visits July 2004-June2005:

- The Office of State and Federal Government Relations has participated in over 100 hill and department visits in Washington, DC with President Hoffman, VP Jack Burns, Chancellors, UCH President Brimhall 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
 - Staff Council
 - University Perspectives
 - 50 for Colorado
- The Office of State and Federal Government Relations conducted over 30 in-state tours/meetings to all three CU campuses with our Congressional members and/or their staff.

Events:

- CU partnered with Colorado State Senator Peter Groff to host the Colorado Health Disparities Conference in October 2004. The conference was held at the Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building on the Fitzsimons campus.
- Also in October, Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton toured the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.
- In February 2005, President Hoffman's office co-hosted the CU/CSU/UNC Legislative Reception.
- President Hoffman presented to the House and Senate Republican and Democratic caucuses. She was joined by members of the Board of Regents, students, faculty, and leaders from the business community.
- In March 2005, the University of Colorado at Denver hosted a Legislative Alumni forum, which offered CU alumni the unique opportunity to meet and discuss critical issues with legislators from the Denver area.
- Legislators and staff at the State Capitol heard from CU Boulder faculty on three diverse issues in March 2005 at the annual Faculty Breakfast.
- CU Boulder hosted a meeting and open forum in April 2005 to address diversity issues on the Boulder campus with Senator Peter Groff, Representatives Terrance Carroll, Alice Madden, Rosemary Marshall, Angie Paccione, Tom Plant and Jack Pommer. Over 75 students, faculty, and administrators attended the forum to discuss recent accounts of racial indifference and what CU is doing to address the issue and prevent this from happening in the future.



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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 under the leadership of President Betsy Hoffman, 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 2005 state session, President Hoffman 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, which contained no budget cuts to the University. 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.

As state funding for higher education continues to be threatened by Colorado's fiscal crisis, 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 five 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.

For the past four years Tanya has actively represented CU at the national level by participating in the National Science Coalition, AAU, NASULGC and AAMC. 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 four and half 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
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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. This year she was selected by President Hoffman to participate in the University's Emerging Leaders Program.



Ernestine Mondragon
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Ernestine Mondragon is the Special Assistant to Associate Vice President Kelly-Bowry. Her position manages the AVP's calendar and travel, and many of the office administrative duties. She prepares critical correspondence with regard to the University's legislative priorities. Ernestine assists the AVP with the Office of State and Federal Government Relations budget. In addition, she responds to legislative and constituent requests for information pertaining to the University of Colorado System. Previously, Ernestine worked in the Office of the President as a student assistant for Business and Community Relations and Special Events. Ernestine has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Todd Saliman
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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, D.C. 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 D.C. CU Alumni Buffs Club. His professional background includes working as a lobbyist for a top D.C. 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.



Vicky Starbuck
Professional Staff Assistant

Vicky Starbuck is a Professional Staff Assistant at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. She divides her time by providing administrative support to Chancellor James Shore and Deputy Director Castleman. Vicky serves as the UCDHSC Legislative Liaison. She tracks all healthcare bills in addition to coordinating and facilitating legislative analysis and bill expert testimony and maintains the healthcare legislative website. Vicky responds to legislative and constituent requests, including physician referrals and coordinates campus tours and events.

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