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COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUPPORT FUND ASK TALKING POINTS

Community colleges are asking for \$787 million in the 2019 session.

HOLD THE LINE BUDGET

Currently the Community College Support Fund Receives \$570 million from the state. Colleges will need at least an additional \$77 million to meet their true current service level and balance their budgets without further program cuts or steep tuition hikes.

This additional funding to the Community College Support Fund would specifically allow:

- Holding tuition increases to roughly 3.5 percent statewide. (Community college tuition is set by locally elected boards each year and rates will also vary based on local needs.)
- Balancing college budgets without additional deep cuts to programs and services
- Continue progress on student success efforts like guided pathways
- End deficit spending. Statewide, colleges are covering a \$31 million funding gap by dipping into critical reserves and other temporary solutions.

Give example of types of cuts and/or tuition increases your college is facing without adequate state finding in the upcoming biennium.

INVESTMENT BUDGET

An additional investment of \$140 million dollars (\$70m for CTE and \$70m for student success efforts,) would go toward dramatically increasing output of career and technical education programs and significantly increasing completion rates overall.

An additional \$70 million for CTE programs would allow colleges to double the number of graduates (an additional 7,900 graduates per year) in programs such as:

- Welding
- Respiratory Care
- Dental Assisting
- Manufacturing and Industrial Tech
- Computer Applications
- Aviation
- Electronics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Fire Science

An additional \$70 million for student success efforts would go toward dramatic increases in completion rates targeted toward first-generation and under-represented students.

Using models like PCC's Future Connect program or those at other colleges modeled after federal TRIO* programs, colleges have seen completion rates roughly double among participating students. (Describe

the efforts at your college). The additional investment would mean such programs can reach an additional 17,500 students per year.

** The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs. TRIO also includes a training program for directors and staff of TRIO projects.*