



Capitol Monitor

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Public Hearings: Week of February 7

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold two hearings this week that have a potential impact on the university and the faculty, students and staff who are its constituent parts. The hearings will take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

CSU-AAUP does not have any strong concerns about any of the bills on the agenda, however if you would like to testify on any of the bills, please email [Ellen Benson](mailto:Ellen.Benson@csu.edu) by 10am the day prior to the hearing (or as soon as possible) with the following information: your name, the bill(s) you are testifying on, whether or not you support or oppose the legislation, if you want to testify as early as possible or can not be at the General Assembly until late, and the best way to reach you (please include cell phone number or email address).

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

11:00 AM in Room 2A

[S.B. No. 858](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES (*note: technical revisions only).

[Proposed H.B. No. 5166](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE TO REHABILITATE THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

[Proposed H.B. No. 5241](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LIVING OFF CAMPUS.

[Proposed H.B. No. 5415](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE INFORMED CONSENT OF PROSPECTIVE ATHLETES BEING RECRUITED TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

[Proposed H.B. No. 5419](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT PROMISE ZONES.

[Proposed H.B. No. 5886](#) AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR INMATES.

Thursday, February 10, 2011

11:00 AM in Room 1E

[S.B. No. 847](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

[H.B. No. 6050](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CREATIVE ECONOMY.

[H.B. No. 6231](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS.

Bills: Week of January 31

"I support or oppose one of these bills; what should I do?"

1. Write to your legislators! Find them [here](#).
2. [Track](#) the bill so you know when public hearings are scheduled.

The following list of bills have been identified by our lobbying firm, [Betty Gallo & Co](#), as having a potential impact on our members. **CSU-AAUP and our lobbying firm will follow the progress of the bills throughout the session and alert you if and when action is needed.** CSU-AAUP is distributing this information so that our members understand what actions are being proposed, but please keep in mind that these are only proposals.

The following bills have been raised, meaning they have been referred to a committee and there will be a public hearing scheduled:

HB 6255 *AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM*

Statement of Purpose: To study issues concerning the Connecticut State University System

* There is no language yet; the number is being used as a placeholder for language to be crafted later (called a "dummy bill")

HB 6256 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Statement of Purpose: To study issues concerning workforce development.

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HB 6257 AN ACT CONCERNING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To require the development and implementation of a strategic master plan for higher education that identifies short and long-term state goals for higher education and includes benchmarks for achieving such goals.

SB 857 AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To require a study of issues concerning higher education.

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SB 858 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES

Statement of Purpose: To require a study of issues concerning revisions to the higher education statutes and to make technical corrections to such statutes.

The following bill has been proposed:

SB 288 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE DELIVERY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To study the information technology services provided to public institutions of higher education and examine whether changes or improvements to such services can be achieved.

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the [Office of Legislative Research](#):

1. Expulsion for Conduct Outside of School
2. Governor's Transition Group Recommendations on Energy
3. Pet Custody After Divorce
4. Welfare Recipients—How Clients Spend Their Assistance

Have a question? Get the answer!

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