



COLORADO ASSOCIATION
FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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House Business Affairs & Labor Committee Members:

The Colorado Association for Career and Technical Education (CACTE), representing over 4,000 CTE instructors and 170,000 CTE students, hereby supports HB15-1274 Creation of Career Pathways for Students.

The career and technical education programs in our career centers, technical colleges, community colleges, and students in both Concurrent Enrollment and ASCENT programs would benefit from the possibility of continuous educational pipelines to meet their needs for a professional career. This bill brings forth the possibility to provide a seamless approach to meet the needs of workforce requirements and advances the economic stability and advancement of our students.

CTE programs in our schools and colleges have always tried to meet the needs of the business and industries of Colorado and to provide an adequate workforce. The creation of career pathways is a roadmap to design our programs to help address the needs of business and industry and provide the required workforce for our future. The career pathway blueprints will also help address the severe needs of Colorado's rural areas to provide continuous education to their students in regionally-demanded careers.

We are looking forward to the collaboration and ongoing conversations created by career pathways in order to find the best educational solutions for the students of Colorado. Business and industry has demonstrated the workforce need and students have provided the requests for the degree programs. Now we must step forward collaboratively within all of our systems to meet these educational and economic demands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell W. Green".

Darrell W. Green PhD
Executive Director

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