

Shared Policy Goals 2025 Legislature

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education agrees to partner with the Montana Legislature, represented by the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education to further the final shared policy goals:

Dual Enrollment: Sustain the successful One Two Free program and build on it by further enhancing pathways that help high school students attain a postsecondary or workforce credential through dual enrollment before high school graduation.

MUS Central Application: Make the MUS central application the sole application for both resident and non-resident students to the MUS.

Montana 10: Continue to expand the MUS Resident Student Success Initiative (Montana 10 and Hilleman) and evaluate program efficacy in enhancing college affordability, college success, and efficiency of state investment. Support institutional adoption of Montana 10 advising strategies through enhancements to student success and advising practices and technologies. Include an analysis of potential student services that could be included in Montana 10, with a specific focus on hunger within the student population.

Data Sharing: Collaborate with the OPI and the DLI to deepen P20W data sharing partnerships in a manner that provides actionable insights to policymakers and educators, streamlines agency processes, and enhances student's understanding of college and career opportunities.

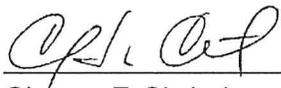
Tribal Partnerships

- **Native American Tuition Waiver:** Assess adjustments to the MUS Native American Tuition waiver to improve clarity of the waiver for native students.
- **Tribal College/MUS Transfer:** Continue efforts to engage Tribal Colleges to improve the experience of students transferring between Tribal Colleges and MUS institutions.

Community College Funding

- Continue to analyze outputs related to the CC Funding Formula.
- Evaluate trends associated with the primary community college funding streams (i.e. state, local, and tuition funds).
- Provide outcomes from key operating budget metrics, including revenue, expenditures, staffing, waivers, and enrollment.

On behalf of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

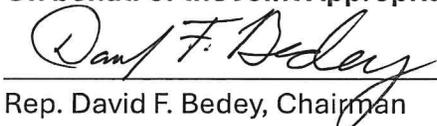


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April 25, 2025

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On behalf of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education



Rep. David F. Bedey, Chairman

25 April 2025

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