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Legislative Update: March 7, 2014



CASB working hard to address member concerns regarding HB 1292

The <u>Student Success Act, HB 1292</u>, had its marathon first hearing before the House Education Committee on Monday, and we were excited to see so many superintendents and board members show up to testify and learn more about the impacts of the bill. (Read Chalkbeat Colorado recap here.)

CASB's official position on the bill is "work to amend." This proactive position allows us to continue to work on eliminating prescriptive mandates and reporting requirements in the bill, and also work toward "upping the ante" with regard to the payback of the negative factor. See the attached chart that details the funding provided for in the bill, which includes a \$100 million payback of the negative factor.

For more clarification about CASB's position on HB 1292 and to learn more about the actions we've taken to date, listen to Jane Urschel's brief podcast.

We've also attached two memos delivered to Reps. Millie Hamner and Carole Murray. These memos are intended to highlight CASB's primary points of concern and are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all aspects of the bill that we are working to amend.

- BEST memo
- ELL and READ Act memo

We'll continue to develop our arguments as we learn more about the underlying intentions of the bill and the concerns of our members and partner organizations. Please contact us if you have questions or comments regarding these memos or any other matters related to the bill. We want and need to hear from you!

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