

NSHE POLICY INITIATIVES FOR BOARD ENDORSEMENT 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature

The following are topics that will require legislative action during the 2015 Session of the Nevada State Legislature. This list includes in the parenthetical notation regarding the legislative committee through which such legislative action will be pursued as the primary bill sponsor.

1. **Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship** – increase the maximum credits funded per semester from 12 credits to 15 credits (NRS 396.934) and increase the minimum credit load requirement for students attending a community college from 6 to 12 credits (NRS 396.930). [Legislative Committee on Education]
2. **Need-Based State Supported Financial Aid Program** – establish a state-supported need-based financial aid program to support NSHE’s goal of graduating more students by ensuring access and affordability of a college education for the working poor in Nevada. [Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges, S.B. 391]
3. **Community College Workforce Development Fund** – create a workforce development fund to assist the community colleges in expanding their workforce development efforts and increasing their responsiveness to the workforce industry. [Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges, S.B. 391]
4. **Tobacco Prohibition** – authorize the Nevada System of Higher Education to prohibit smoking and use of tobacco products on NSHE property (NRS 202.249) [private sponsor]