

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

May 4, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1016 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike lines 17 through 26 and substitute:

2 **"SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2026-27 state fiscal year,
3 \$500,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for use
4 by the Colorado commission on higher education and higher education
5 special purpose programs. This appropriation is from the general fund and
6 is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional
7 1.0 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this
8 appropriation for open educational resources initiatives.

9 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
12 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
13 institutions."

14 Page 1, line 102, strike "POLICIES." and substitute "POLICIES, AND, IN
15 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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