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HOUSE BILL 16-1083

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Brown and Hamner,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Donovan and Grantham,

House Committees
Education

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ROLE AND MISSION OF WESTERN STATE COLORADO
102 UNIVERSITY.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill modifies the admission standards for Western state Colorado university (university) from moderately selective to selective.

In addition, the bill removes statutory language that allows the university to offer undergraduate teacher preparation and business degree programs and replaces it with the broader category of professional degree

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

programs.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-56-101 as
3 follows:

4 **23-56-101. University established - role and mission.** There is
5 hereby established a university at Gunnison, which shall be known as
6 Western state Colorado university. Western state Colorado university
7 shall be a general baccalaureate institution with ~~moderately~~ selective
8 admission standards. Western state Colorado university shall offer
9 undergraduate liberal arts and sciences ~~teacher preparation, and business~~
10 AND PROFESSIONAL degree programs, basic skills courses receiving
11 resident credit pursuant to section 23-1-113.3, and a limited number of
12 graduate programs. Western state Colorado university shall also serve as
13 a regional education provider.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.