

Representative Kory M. Holdaway proposes the following substitute bill:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR
HIGHER EDUCATION**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to the state's Centers of Excellence programs established at higher education institutions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the Utah College of Applied Technology may receive Centers of Excellence grants from the Department of Community and Economic Development to promote workforce preparation programs that meet critical needs and shortages throughout the state; and
- ▶ provides for distribution and allocation of moneys to fund the programs.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2005-06, to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2005.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:



26 9-2-602, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 241, Laws of Utah 1992

27 9-2-603, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 241, Laws of Utah 1992



29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section 9-2-602 is amended to read:

31 **9-2-602. Short title -- Definitions.**

32 (1) This part is known as the "Centers of Excellence Act."

33 (2) As used in this part[;]:

34 (a) "Centers of Excellence" means university-based, business and industry-supported,
35 cooperative research and development programs.

36 (b) "Institutions within the state system of higher education" means those colleges and
37 universities identified in Section 53B-1-102 and the Utah College of Applied Technology.

38 Section 2. Section 9-2-603 is amended to read:

39 **9-2-603. Administration -- Grants.**

40 (1) This part shall be administered by the Division of Business and Economic
41 Development.

42 (2) (a) The [~~department~~] Department of Community and Economic Development may
43 award grants to the various [~~colleges and universities in the state~~] institutions within the state
44 system of higher education for the purposes of this part.

45 (b) (i) The State Board of regents shall establish a Jobs Now Economic Development
46 Initiative within the state system of higher education as part of the Centers of Excellence
47 program to promote workforce preparation programs that meet critical needs and shortages
48 throughout the state.

49 (ii) The initiative shall include components that provide support for:

50 (A) technical training expansion that quickly produces skilled potential employees for
51 technical jobs in critical needs occupations; and

52 (B) degree programs that specifically focus on workforce preparation in areas of
53 identified need for business and industry.

54 (iii) (A) The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to fund the initiative as a
55 supplement to the ongoing appropriation for grants provided under the Centers for Excellence
56 program.

57 (B) The department shall allocate at least two thirds of this appropriation to the Utah
58 College of Applied Technology for distribution to college campuses within the college as
59 recommended by the Utah College of Applied Technology's Board of Trustees.

60 (C) A college campus shall use the money received under Subsection (2)(b)(iii)(B) for
61 technical training expansion referred to Subsection (2)(b)(ii)(A).

62 (3) (a) Recommendations for funding shall be made by the division with the advice of
63 the State Advisory Council for Science and Technology, with the approval of the board.

64 (b) Each proposal shall receive the best available outside review.

65 (4) (a) In considering each proposal, the division shall weigh technical merit, the level
66 of matching [~~funds~~] moneys from private and federal sources, and the potential for job creation
67 and economic development.

68 (b) Proposals or consortia that combine and coordinate related research at two or more
69 colleges and universities shall be encouraged.

70 (5) The State Advisory Council on Science and Technology shall review the activities
71 and progress of individual centers on a regular basis and assist the division in preparing an
72 annual report on the accomplishments and direction of the Centers of Excellence Program.

73 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

74 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
75 \$2,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2005-06, to the Department of Community
76 and Economic Development to be used to fund the Jobs Now Economic Development
77 Initiative referred to in Section 9-2-603.

78 **Section 4. Effective date.**

79 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2005.