



**LB 400 Testimony**  
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- Community colleges play a vital role in ensuring that the United States has a population equipped for an increasingly competitive, global and knowledge-based economy. This is certainly true in Nebraska, where more than one-third of our postsecondary students attend a community college.
- We fully support the state's commitment to adequately funding our community colleges. However, we do have issues with the current method of distributing state appropriations to community colleges. This funding method, as outlined in LB 946 in 2012, allocates the overwhelming majority of state funding for community colleges based on the results of the prior funding formula – a formula that was not uniformly supported by the colleges and required later negotiated funding adjustments.
- The State of Nebraska should allocate funds to community colleges based on clearly demonstrated needs and performance. That is not currently the case. We hope the Legislature in the near future can revisit the issue of how state appropriations are distributed to community colleges.