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## Memorandum

To: Education Committee of the Nebraska Legislature

From: Carna Pfeil, Ph.D.  
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Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Date: Feb. 18, 2014

Subject: LB 826

I request that the following be read into the record:

I submit this memorandum as testimony in favor of LB 826.

A report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce shows there is a growing disconnect between the types of jobs employers need to fill and the number of Americans who possess the education and training required to fill them. Nebraska is no exception, with a projected 66 percent of jobs requiring postsecondary education by 2018 – the seventh-highest percentage among all states. Within the next six years, that translates to 56,000 new jobs in Nebraska that will require postsecondary education.

Certainly career and technical education can play a prominent role in addressing this projected shortage in Nebraska. The Coordinating Commission supports Sen. McCoy's proposed legislation that calls for further analysis of the issue of career and technical education and high-needs occupations in Nebraska. We believe this could be accomplished as a study of its own or as part of the larger visioning study conducted by the Education Committee. The Coordinating Commission looks forward to contributing either way.

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