

**ITEM 149-101-R1110**

**Adoption of modifications to the Carl D. Perkins IV Montana State Plan**

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**THAT**

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education modify Montana's State Plan for Carl D. Perkins IV funds to discontinue the separately administered Title II "Tech Prep" grant and merge the federal funding previously awarded to Montana through Title II "Tech Prep" into the general Perkins allocation for Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

The attached Public Hearing Document provides the background and rationale for the proposed modification, as well as the specific changes this proposal would entail. In brief, the recommended modifications are in the Tech Prep overview located in the Introduction and the redaction of Section V, Tech Prep Program, in its entirety. These changes would have the effect of merging the Title II funds currently allocated for Tech Prep into the allocation Montana already receives for its Carl D Perkins programs. The additional \$458,817/year would represent a 9% increase over the present funding level. As with all Perkins funding, 85% of that additional \$458,817 would be added by formula to Local Perkins Grants at both the secondary and post-secondary levels. The remaining 15% of the Tech Prep funding would supplement Perkins budgets through the existing formula at OPI and OCHE. The reporting requirements for the Title II Tech Prep grant would no longer exist.

In the public hearing conducted on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, no comments were provided and no concerns were raised about the proposed modifications. In addition, the Office of the Commissioner provided the opportunity for submission of written comments on the modifications with a deadline of Monday, October 18, 2010. **No written comments were submitted.**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Public Hearing Document