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HB 86

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HB 86: Strengthening Montana's Career and Technical Student Organizations

What HB 86 does:

This bill is a request of $1 million over the biennium to enhance student access to Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) by increasing the staffing capacity of six of the state organizations and providing financial support for student activities. This structure is modeled on the success of FFA. In 2012, Montana CTSOs served 6,287 students through seven state organizations. The goal of HB 86 is to increase student participation by 10 percent each year of the biennium, resulting in a total of 7,500 students participating in CTSOs by the end of the second year.

Why we need HB 86:

- Students enrolled in three or more credits of Career and Technical Education courses have a 96.8% graduation rate.
- CTSOs provide real-world application to academic subjects so students are better prepared for college and the workforce.
- CTSOs offer access to regional, state, and national level competitions, giving students leadership and career opportunities.
- CTSOs get students involved in their communities through school and community volunteer projects.

HB 86 is part of a comprehensive, statewide strategy:

Graduation Matters Montana is a focused effort to increase the number of students who graduate prepared for college and careers. CTSOs offer high school students in Montana the opportunity to develop skills in demand in today's 21st Century economy such as: time management, teamwork, communications, problem-solving, and self-confidence.

Montana CTSOs:

BPA - Business Professionals of America
DECA – Distributive Education Clubs of America (Marketing education)
FFA – Agricultural Education
FCCLA – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
HOSA – Health Occupations Students of America
SkillsUSA – Industrial Technology Education
TSA – Technology Student Association

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