

An Economic Analysis of HB17-1004

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Under consideration this session is HB17-1004, which calls for the creation of a statewide metric for awarding college credit for military education and training. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education will be responsible for determining the details of the metric in consultation with each public institution of higher education in Colorado. These institutions will begin awarding course credit based on the adopted metric beginning at the start of the 2018-2019 academic year.

Some rationale for the proposed metric is outlined within the text of HB17-1004. The bill argues that prospective students out of the military do not have the opportunity to use their GI Bill funding effectively when universities do not grant college credit for equitable military training. The GI bill does not cover the full four years typically needed to graduate. Veteran students waste funds they need to complete their degrees taking courses that teach skills they already attained. Those behind HB17-1004 argue a statewide metric that awards credit for



were comparable to those in accredited universities. Learning outcomes are often the same regardless of whether a specific course is taught in the military or at a university



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