

2017 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Education Subcommittee

TO: HB 57 Operating Budget

OFFERED BY: Rep. Dave Talerico

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development

APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support

ALLOCATION: Pre-Kindergarten Grants

DELETE: \$500,000 UGF (1004)

EXPLANATION: This cut does not affect the K-12 classroom or teachers. These Pre-K grants are competitive grants that do not make it to all the districts and few rural ones. This reduction will simply limit the amounts of money given out in the competitive grants. The Education budget is the second largest department budget at \$1,621,976,200 Billion dollars. We are still in a fiscal crisis, we receive calls daily from our constituents asking us to cut the budget and we need to keep cutting this year. We have already been cutting all the other departments drastically and we can't ignore cutting the second largest department budget at the expense or elimination of the other budgets. For our children's fiscal future to be prosperous we can't saddle them with billion dollar deficits.