

# CSU Advocates

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## **Gov. Ritter Signs Important Higher Ed Bill**

Dear CSU Advocates:

Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. today signed Senate Bill 03 - important legislation aimed at providing higher education governing boards additional tuition and operational flexibility. This bill enables the state's public colleges and universities to better manage finances and efficiencies during these challenging economic times.

This morning I had the opportunity to join many of the state's higher education leaders and the bill sponsors for the governor's signing of the bill.



You can see the governor's release and photos from the bill signing, click [here](#).



This bill will go into effect fiscal year 2011 and extends through 2016. Currently underway is a broad strategic planning effort initiated by the governor to develop a new higher education master plan for Colorado's public colleges and universities. As part of this effort, he has assigned four subcommittees to develop recommendations in the following areas:

- Sustainability of funding
- Mission and governance of Colorado's higher education system
- Accessibility for students
- Pipeline between K-12 and post-secondary institutions.

As a CSU Advocate, we will keep you informed of outcomes from the strategic planning process, which is being led by two formidable business, education and community leaders, Jim Lyons and Dick Monfort.

As always, CSU appreciates your engagement as a CSU Advocate. Please encourage your family and friends to [sign up](#) to be a CSU Advocate for the

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Best regards,  
Joe Blake

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