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Statewide Attainment Goal

In the 2018 Legislative Session, [H.B. 300, Higher Education Modifications](#), created the Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission. To achieve their goals, the commission created a workgroup in January 2020, headed by the Office of the Commissioner, to propose a new statewide educational attainment goal informed by forecasts of the future economic and workforce needs of the state.

The workgroup, consisting of representatives from higher education institutions, industry, the Governor's Office, and other government agencies, met to discuss the lessons learned from the previous attainment goal, how to shape an attainment goal to guide institutions in the direction of Utah's changing workforce needs, and the appropriate data needed to measure progress toward the goal.

Using the input of the workgroup, USHE's Institutional Research staff identified potential measures to reflect the guidance of the workgroup. Historical data for the measures were studied, and forecasts were created to understand the potential trajectory of the measures, given static conditions in the next ten years. Forecasts were then used to identify potential stretch goals for the measures. The potential measures and goals are being shared with the commission for input. Once the measures are approved, USHE will work with its institutions to develop institution-level goals that will aggregate to the statewide goals.

The draft attainment measures and proposed ten-year goals will be presented during the Board meeting on October 30.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.