

priority apply to the community colleges should be applied technology and occupational education and when necessary foundations education. Two, the second instructional and service priority of the community college shall be transferred education including general academic transfer programs or applied technology and occupational programs which may be applicable the first two years of a bachelor's degree program and then finally third instructional and service priority of the community colleges shall be public service particularly adult continuing education for occupations and professions, economic and community development, focus on customized occupational assessment and job training programs for businesses and communities and avocational and personal development courses. Fourth instructional and service priority, the community colleges shall be applied research. This is in essence, I think, a modernizing of the community colleges role and mission. It also, I think, is a recognition that the community colleges should be viewed as full partners within the delivery system of higher education in our state. There is a reason, I think, where you're going to see more of our population in future years turning to community colleges for basic education needs. Access is one of those reasons that there are large portions of our state where community colleges do provide the greatest access. Secondly, the cost for delivery of a unit of education is less at the community colleges. Third, I think you're going to see, be seeing more people, more difficulty in getting into the university system primarily and there will be need for people who need access to postsecondary education to have other avenues and I think the community colleges will provide those. Now Senator Hillman does have an amendment to this amendment which I think is very important for us to listen to her arguments, hear her concerns, sympathize with what she has to say and then not vote for her amendment, I guess I would go to that final phase. Seriously I do think what Senator Hillman would like to guide us into is a discussion about the relative importance of what we traditionally have called vocational education in the community colleges which we're now calling applied technology. The importance of that role and mission of the community colleges, getting people skills that they need to get worthwhile jobs and also to train the personnel that our businesses need as that relates to the secondary role of the community colleges which it will still be secondary under this amendment, but the secondary role of providing academic transfer. Academic transfers basically, the first two years of a college degree program where an individual can go to a community college, get the first two