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STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

AGENDA ACTION REPORT

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ITEM College Report

ACTION REQUESTED N/A

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INFORMATION The Governor's Main Street Montana Project had a number of recommendations related to reporting out and comparing graduates from the Montana University System to the workforce shortages in Montana. This report looks statewide, with the options to drill down to regional data, at the degrees attained through the Montana University System and the workforce needs throughout Montana.

MOTION N/A

SYNOPSIS In order to ensure that Montana's industries have a pipeline of skilled workers, the Montana Department of Labor & Industry collaborated with the Montana University System, the Montana Department of Revenue, and private universities in Montana to produce the college report. The college report analyzes the degrees attained from institutions of higher education throughout the state and compares those degrees to wages and employment throughout Montana. The report was modeled after a smaller report analyzing Missoula College's degrees and programs related to industry workforce needs. The hope is that this report will assist industry, the University System, those working with young people through K-12 or WIOA Programs, and the Montana Department of Labor & Industry build pipelines and build out programs that will help meet Montana's workforce challenges.