



**Written Testimony for the Senate Higher Education Committee**  
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**Accountability Reporting**

**Panel 5. Study and make recommendations to eliminate unnecessary or duplicate reporting requirements.**

**I. Current System**

- i. Institutions of higher education provide a number of standard reports.
- ii. These reports were designed in a manner to allow flexibility and for that reason they allow the Coordinating Board to calculate the vast majority of the measures without additional reporting by the institutions.
- iii. Institutional accountability groups meet two to three times annually and Coordinating Board staff work with the groups to determine the best method of calculating measures based on information already provided.
- iv. There are a few measures, mostly related to endowments and faculty awards that the institutions input directly into the accountability system.

**II. Other Work of the Accountability Groups**

- i. CB staff meet with different accountability groups two to three times per year to discuss measures and to determine if there have been changes that need to be incorporated.
- ii. Accountability groups work on sharing ideas for improvement and developing better metrics to understand what is happening on campuses.
- iii. The groups are currently focused on possible methods for measuring value added. Groups are in the process of incorporating suggestions from various institutions into preliminary proposals.

**III. Review of All Data Requests**

- i. Coordinating Board staff meet with the Data Collection Committee periodically to review all new data collection in an effort to reduce redundancy and to ensure information is collected in a format that allows analysis.

- ii. **Recommendation** – Legislatively designate the Coordinating Board as the *initial* source of public higher education data