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MOORE CHAIRS HIGHER EDUCATION HEARING WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Boston – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) yesterday chaired a hearing of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Higher Education, which heard testimony from the Presidents of eight community colleges in Massachusetts regarding their long-term goals and needs, as well as what is happening on their campuses. The hearing took place at the State House. Sen. Moore serves as Senate Chair of the committee.

“It is important for state government to keep in touch with our community colleges, because they have become a critical component of our economy,” said Sen. Moore. “These schools provide a quality college education to thousands of Massachusetts residents, helping to keep our workforce one that is highly skilled. Successful community colleges are an essential component to attracting investment and helping our economy to grow.”

Giving testimony at the hearing were President Carole Cowan (Middlesex Community College), President Mary Fifield (Bunker Hill Community College), President Terrence Gomes (Roxbury Community College), President Carole Berotte Joseph (Massachusetts Bay Community College), President Robert Pura (Greenfield Community College), President Paul Raverta (Berkshire Community College), President Ira Rubenzhal (Springfield Technical Community College), President Kathleen Schatzberg (Cape Cod Community College).

The hearing was one in a series being conducted by the committee to assess the state of Higher Education in Massachusetts.

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