

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION CLASSIFICATION FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY VETERANS.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/02/09 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision reducing appropriations in the Long Bill for the College Opportunity Fund stipends by \$2,859,360 General Fund in FY 2009-10. The amendment also reduces reappropriated funds spending authority for the governing boards from the stipends by a like amount.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

The sponsor has prepared amendment **L.002** (attached) to change the eligibility criteria for the stipend so that the only honorably discharged members of the armed forces and dependents who are ineligible for the stipend are those who gained resident tuition status solely pursuant to the bill. Those who gained stipend eligibility because they established domicile in Colorado would continue to be eligible for a stipend.

If amendment L.002 is adopted, the bill will have no impact on the projected FY 2009-10 stipend-eligible population, and so there is no General Fund impact, and amendment J.001 should NOT be adopted.

The bill would still have a conditional fiscal impact on tuition revenue, dependent on the number of institutions who choose to grant in-state tuition status to honorably discharged members of the armed forces and their dependents. Since it is unknown how many institutions would grant in-state tuition status, staff has not prepared an amendment to adjust tuition spending authority for the governing boards.

Points to Consider

None.