



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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 Rep. Roberts

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE MERGER OF PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SAN JUAN BASIN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE TWO-YEAR AUTHORITY OF FORT LEWIS COLLEGE AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	No Net Change*	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: The bill was signed by the Governor and became law on May 20, 2009.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2009-2010: See the State Appropriations Section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

**See the State Expenditures section below.*

Summary of Legislation

The bill authorizes Pueblo Community College and the San Juan Basin Area Vocational School to merge. The vocational school shall operate and be known as Southwest Colorado Community College, a division of Pueblo Community College. The bill also limits the two-year authority of Fort Lewis College to include only an associates of arts degree in agricultural science.

State Expenditures

The bill is assessed at having a net fiscal impact of zero although appropriation adjustments are necessary to implement the bill's requirements. As part of the merger of Pueblo Community College and the San Juan Basin Area Vocational School, the bill includes an appropriation clause which will amend the annual Long Bill for FY 2009-10. The appropriation clause is discussed in the State Appropriations section of the fiscal note.

The bill also allows that any facilities transferred from the San Juan Basin Area Vocational School to Pueblo Community College may be eligible for controlled maintenance funds after July 1, 2009. Given the uncertain nature of controlled maintenance prioritization and funding in the future, the fiscal impact of this provision is indeterminate.

State Appropriations

The bill includes appropriation adjustments to the FY 2009-10 Long Bill for the Department of Higher Education. This analysis identifies the need to adjust General Fund appropriations to the following line items in the Department of Higher Education:

- \$612,000 General Fund appropriation to the College Opportunity Fund for stipends for an estimated 300 full-time equivalent students attending the division of Pueblo Community College known as Southwest Colorado Community College;
- \$501,374 General Fund appropriation for fee-for-service contracts with state institutions for a fee-for-service contract with the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, for the division of Pueblo Community College known as Southwest Colorado Community College;
- \$2,216,414 appropriation for the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges. Of this amount, \$750,000 is cash funds from the students' share of tuition, \$1,113,374 is reappropriated funds from stipend payments and fee-for-service contracts, and \$353,040 from federal funds anticipated to be received from the Education Stabilization Fund pursuant to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and
- \$1,466,414 decrease in the appropriation for area vocational school support. Of this amount, \$1,113,374 is from the General Fund and \$353,040 represents federal funds anticipated to be received from the Education Stabilization Fund pursuant to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Departments Contacted

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