


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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 Sen. Bacon

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Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE FUND ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE COST OF INSTRUCTION FOR NONRESIDENT NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS ENROLLED AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund - (Reduction)	(\$1.8 million)	(\$1.8 million)
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the state must fund 100 percent of the cost of tuition for Native American students at Fort Lewis College. This bill maintains the requirement for resident students; however, nonresident students are funded at 100 percent of the cost of instruction, as determined by the Department of Higher Education (DHE). Native American students, both resident and nonresident, will continue to attend the school without any tuition charge.

State Expenditures

In FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12, this bill will result in a \$1.8 million General Fund reduction to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education financial aid.

Fort Lewis College has requested approximately \$10.4 million for tuition waiver reimbursement for the estimated 648 Native American nonresident students currently attending the college. This fiscal note assumes that nonresident Native American student enrollment will remain consistent for the next two fiscal years.

House Bill 10-1067 reimburses Fort Lewis College for the *cost of instruction* for nonresident Native American students, calculated at \$13,217 per student FTE. Currently, the *cost of tuition* for these students at the school is \$16,060 per student FTE. Table 1 summarizes the impact of this change.

Table 1. General Fund Expenditure Impact of HB 10-1067			
	Current Law 100% of Tuition (\$16,060/FTE)	HB 10-1067 100% of Cost of Instruction (\$13,271/FTE)	Difference (Cost Savings)
Native American Nonresident Student FTE at Fort Lewis College			
648	\$10,406,880	\$8,599,608	\$1,807,272

Fort Lewis College. While the bill reduces the amount Fort Lewis College will receive in tuition waiver reimbursement by \$1.8 million, it does not reduce any statutory responsibilities for the school.

State Appropriations

For FY 2010-11, this bill *reduces* General Fund appropriations by \$1,807,272 to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education for financial aid.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education