

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Sen. Johnston**Bill Status:** House Transportation and Energy
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TITLE: CONCERNING THE COLORADO HIGH TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Summary of Legislation

This bill implements the recommendations of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) in its sunset review of the High Technology Scholarship Program Advisory Committee. The bill repeals the committee and makes necessary conforming amendments. The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Background

House Bill 00-1355 created the Colorado High Technology Scholarship Program to promote the development of the state's high-technology workforce by awarding scholarships to students seeking certificates or degrees in high-technology fields. The bill also created an advisory committee to assist the Department of Higher Education (DHE) in the development of the program. Under HB 00-1355, the seven-member committee was intended to include the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology, the Executive Director of DHE, and five additional members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Assessment

The General Assembly created the advisory committee to help develop guidelines for the scholarship program. The scholarships were to be funded by private donations from individuals, high technology companies, and others. No such donations were received. The scholarship program was never created; nor was the advisory committee ever appointed or convened. Eliminating reference to the committee in statute will have no impact on state expenditures or revenue and the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Governor's Office

Higher Education