

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. McCann
 Sen. King K.

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Bill Status: House Education
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TITLE: CONCERNING CREATION OF A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	\$28,472	
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: See State Appropriations section.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill creates the Higher Education Funding Committee to consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning funding for the statewide system of higher education. The committee will be made up of 8 legislative members (4 Representatives and 4 Senators), 4 ex officio members to include the chair of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, the executive director of the Department of Higher Education, the chair of the State Board of Education, and the Commissioner of Education. In addition, membership must include representatives from each state institution of higher education, from each governing board of the institutions, from junior colleges and vocational schools, from private institutions of higher education, and from the business community.

Membership of the committee must be appointed no later than July 1, 2011. The committee must hold its first meeting no later than July 15, 2011, and must meet at least once in each of the 4 quadrants of the state, in addition to meeting in the Denver-Boulder metropolitan area.

State Expenditures

The legislature is budgeted each year with resources to support a limited number of interim committees of the General Assembly (5). If this interim committee is not designated by the Legislative Council to be one of the prioritized committees, or if the costs of this interim committee are not included in the budgeted amount, the Legislative Branch will incur additional costs to support the interim committee, as shown in Table 1.

The committee includes 8 legislators, all of whom are entitled to per diem and reimbursement for expenses. Ex officio members serve without per diem or reimbursement. Reimbursement for travel and expenses of legislative members is calculated to cover the cost of travel into the metro area. Since the bill requires at least 4 meetings of the committee outside of the Denver/Boulder metro area, there will be additional travel costs for overnight accommodations, meals, etc., for legislative staff.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HB11-1184	
Cost Components	FY 2011-12
Personal Services Senior Research Assistant (0.3 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.1 FTE)	\$20,288
Committee Member Reimbursement (8 members * \$187 * 5 meetings)	7,480
Legislative Staff Travel (2 staff * \$88 * 4 meetings)	704
TOTAL	\$28,472

Expenditures Not Included

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. The centrally appropriated costs subject to this policy are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Expenditures Not Included Under HB11-1184*	
Cost Components	FY 2011-12
Employee Insurance (Health, Life, Dental, and Short-term Disability)	\$2,840
Supplemental Employee Retirement Payments	918
TOTAL	\$3,758

**More information is available at: <http://colorado.gov/fiscalnotes>*

State Appropriations

No appropriations are required if this interim committee is prioritized by the Legislative Council. If the committee is not selected, in FY 2011-12, the Legislative Department will require \$28,472 General Fund and 0.4 FTE.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education

Legal Services

Legislative Council