JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION AS AN UNSUBSIDIZED IN-STATE STUDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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<u>Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/22/11 Legislative Council Staff</u> Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Finance Committee 02/22/11)

The Senate Finance Committee report clarifies that a student who earns a General Educational Development Certificate in Colorado must also attend a public or private high school in Colorado for three or more years to qualify for the unsubsidized in-state tuition classification. This is consistent with the assumptions used in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note dated 02/22/11, and so it does not change the identified fiscal impact of the bill.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note



Amendments/Appropriation Status

Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriating \$1,027,620 cash funds from tuition to the Department of Higher Education for FY 2011-12. This is based on the assumption that in FY 2011-12 the General Assembly will continue appropriating tuition in the Long Bill for informational purposes, even though S.B. 10-003 (passed last year) temporarily delegates tuition setting authority to the higher education governing boards from FY 2011-12 through FY 2015-16 and thus tuition appropriations in the Long Bill will not act as caps on the amounts schools can raise. The total tuition appropriation in J.001 is based on the middle of the range identified by Legislative Council Staff as potential new revenue associated with this bill.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

None.