

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.

Summary of Legislation

This bill modifies several statutory sections concerning operations of the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) with respect to capital construction, the state personnel system, workers compensation, and lease-purchase agreements, among other provisions. Generally, the bill eliminates statutory ambiguities regarding AHEC's authority relative to other governing boards in higher education. The bill takes effect August 7, 2012, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Background

The AHEC is a multi-school complex in Denver that includes the Metropolitan State College of Denver, the University of Colorado Denver, and the Community College of Denver. The AHEC serves to provide the land, facilities, and physical plant necessary to house the three schools, and otherwise facilitate the execution of their statutory responsibilities.

Assessment

This bill clarifies that the combined administrative board of AHEC shares the same legal flexibility over purchasing, personnel, capital construction, etc., as enjoyed by other institutional governing boards in the state. The bill will not change the current practices of the schools on the Auraria campus, the AHEC board, or any other state agency. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Corrections	Higher Education	Labor
Law	Personnel	