

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING IN-STATE CLASSIFICATION AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL IN COLORADO.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/22/13.

	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
XXX	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The Legislative Fiscal Note assumes that, pursuant to this bill, 500 additional students will attend state public higher education institutions in FY 2013-14. However, it does not specify what institutions these students are assumed to attend. For purposes of drafting an appropriation clause consistent with the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note, JBC staff has assumed the new students will be distributed among the higher education institutions as outlined in the table below, resulting in the distribution of College Opportunity Fund Program student stipend revenue as shown. This represents a preliminary estimate and is subject to change.

	Student FTE	Stipend Revenue
Adams State College	2.0	\$3,720
Colorado Mesa University	8.0	14,880
Metropolitan State College of Denver	137.0	254,820
Western State College	2.0	3,720
Colorado State University System	26.0	48,360
Ft. Lewis College	3.0	5,580
University of Colorado System	34.0	63,240
Colorado School of Mines	3.0	5,580
University of Northern Colorado	10.0	18,600
Community Colleges	275.0	511,500
Total	500.0	\$930,000

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.004	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes a "no appropriation" clause. This clause includes a legislative declaration explaining the basis for the "no appropriation" clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.004 Staff has prepared amendment **J.004** (attached) to strike the existing "no appropriation" clause and to instead appropriate to the Department of Higher Education, for FY 2013-14, \$930,000 General Fund for College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipends and \$930,000 reappropriated funds for the allocation of COF stipend amounts to the governing boards. This amendment also includes a provision to increase governing board tuition amounts shown for informational purposes in the FY 2013-14 Long Bill by \$2,043,000 cash funds.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

1. The general appropriations bill for FY 2013-14 has not yet been introduced. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$930,000 for FY 2013-14, reducing the amount of General Fund available for other existing programs.

Technical Issues

2. Amounts included in the Fiscal Note and JBC Staff Analysis reflect preliminary estimates that are subject to change for the following reasons:
 - a. There is limited data on the number of students who will be directly affected by the bill and which institutions such students will choose to attend. Estimates included in the Fiscal Note may be refined;
 - b. Legislative Council Staff FY 2013-14 higher education enrollment and tuition revenue projections are not yet available;
 - c. The Joint Budget Committee and the General Assembly have not yet acted on a COF per-student stipend amount to include in the FY 2013-14 Long Bill, therefore, the fiscal note is based on the FY 2012-13 COF stipend amount.