

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION CLASSIFICATION FOR AMERICAN INDIANS FROM TRIBES WITH HISTORICAL TIES TO COLORADO.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/27/14.

	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 House Education Committee Report (02/05/14) includes amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that the committee amendments do not change the fiscal impact of the bill; however staff has updated College Opportunity Fund Program (COF) per-student stipend amounts, based on the Joint Budget Committee FY 2014-15 budget package.

The Joint Budget Committee budget package assumes a per-student stipend rate of \$2,250 per student FTE in FY 2014-15, instead of the \$1,920 reflected in the February 27, 2014 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note.¹ As a result, this bill will require an appropriation of \$783,000 General Fund (348 student FTE * \$2,250). Staff assumes that the distribution of students affected by the bill will be consistent with the distribution shown in the Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note and that tuition changes will be consistent with those in the Revised Fiscal Note, as reflected in the table below.

	Student FTE Affected by Bill	Stipends (General Fund, reappropriated to institutions)	Tuition (cash funds)
Metropolitan State University	2.0	\$4,500	(\$23,362)

¹This figure includes appropriations in the Long Bill and in S.B. 14-001 (College Affordability Act).

	Student FTE Affected by Bill	Stipends (General Fund, reappropriated to institutions)	Tuition (cash funds)
Western State Colorado U.	2.0	\$4,500	(19,738)
Colorado State U. System	17.5	39,375	(276,360)
University of Colorado	135.0	303,750	(2,955,960)
Colorado School of Mines	13.5	30,375	(202,905)
Community College System	<u>178.0</u>	<u>400,500</u>	<u>(1,867,932)</u>
Institutions	348.0	\$783,000	(\$5,346,257)

Legislative Council Staff concurs with this update.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to:

- appropriate to the Department of Higher Education, for FY 2014-15, \$783,000 General Fund for College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipends and \$783,000 reappropriated funds for the allocation of COF stipend amounts to the governing boards; and
- reduce governing board tuition amounts shown for informational purposes in the FY 2014-15 Long Bill by \$5,346,257 cash funds.

Pursuant to direction for the Appropriations Committee Chairs, this amendment includes a provision to access the \$20.0 million General Fund that has been set aside in the Joint Budget Committee's FY 2014-15 budget package to fund 2014 legislation.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2014-15 based on the March 2014 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$20.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2014 legislation; if the full \$20.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will be credited to the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund.