

Table 1. Tuition Revenue Loss under House Bill 14-1124			
SCHOOL	Native Nonresidents	Tuition Difference	Tuition Loss**
Adams State University*	-	\$10,968	-
Colorado Mesa University*	-	\$10,179	-
Metropolitan State University of Denver	4	\$11,681	\$23,362
Western State Colorado University	4	\$9,869	\$19,738
Colorado State University System	35	\$15,792	\$276,360
For Lewis College*	-	-	-
University of Colorado System	270	\$21,896	\$2,955,960
Colorado School of Mines	27	\$15,030	\$202,905
University of Northern Colorado*	-	\$11,524	-
Community College System	356	\$10,494	\$1,867,932
Aims Community College*	-	\$9,584	-
Colorado Mountain College*	-	\$7,700	-
			TOTAL \$5,346,257

* No data provided or not applicable; this fiscal note will be revised as additional data becomes available.

** Tuition loss assumes one-half of nonresident students who self identify as Native American will be eligible for the reduced tuition rate.

The reduction in tuition revenue will be partially offset by increased tuition revenue for each new student who, as a result of the tuition reduction, chooses to enroll in a Colorado school. As the decision to attend higher education cannot be predicted based only on the cost of tuition, no estimate is provided for the number of students likely to choose Colorado for postsecondary education as a result of this bill.

Assumptions. Although institutions of higher education have data on which nonresident students self identify as Native American, it is unknown how many of these students will qualify for resident classification due to historical ties to Colorado. This fiscal note assumes that at least 50 percent of existing students will qualify for reclassification. As more data becomes available, these estimates will change.

State Expenditures

This bill increases expenses for the College Opportunity Fund by at least \$668,160 beginning in FY 2014-15. For FY 2013-14, the COF stipend is \$64 per credit hour, or \$1,920 for 30 credit hours. The COF stipend for FY 2014-15 has not been set. The appropriation for COF is increased by at least \$1,920 for each student currently enrolled at the nonresident rate, and for each additional student who chooses to attend higher education in Colorado due to the reduced tuition rate.

Based on current data, there are at least 696 nonresident students who self-identify as Native American attending state institutions of higher education. If 50 percent of these students qualify for stipend payments from the COF, increased costs are \$668,160 (348 students X \$1,920 COF stipends = \$668,160). As more data is collected concerning the number of eligible students currently enrolled in Colorado institutions of higher education, this fiscal note will be updated.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

For FY 2014-15, this bill requires an appropriation of \$668,160 General Fund to the College Opportunity Fund.

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