

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION 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 Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/25/16.

	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

JBC staff has updated the fiscal impact of the bill based on the appropriations and funding assumptions included in H.B. 16-1405 (the Long Bill) and to limit the impact to governing boards eligible to participate in the College Opportunity Fund (COF) program. Legislative Council Staff concurs with this analysis. As described below, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$619,026 and reduces cash fund tuition revenues by \$3,104,270.

The bill increases expenses from the COF for student stipends for 223.0 FTE undergraduate students who would be classified as resident students under the provisions of the bill. The FY 2016-17 Long Bill includes a COF stipend of \$2,250 per student FTE.

The bill also reduces cash fund tuition revenue to the state governing boards for a total 246.0 FTE graduate and undergraduate students. The amount is based on the difference between the average tuition revenue for resident versus non-resident students at each governing board, as calculated for FY 2016-17 Long Bill appropriations.

H.B. 16-1178 Updated FY 2016-17 Fiscal Impact by Governing Board			
	Student FTE	COF Stipend (General Fund)*	Tuition Reduction (Cash Funds)
Adams State University	8.0	\$11,250	(\$50,072)
Colorado Mesa University	14.0	31,500	(50,750)
Metropolitan State University	7.0	15,750	(79,429)
Western State Colorado University	6.0	13,500	(63,714)

H.B. 16-1178 Updated FY 2016-17 Fiscal Impact by Governing Board			
	Student FTE	COF Stipend (General Fund)*	Tuition Reduction (Cash Funds)
Colorado State University System	48.0	96,750	(741,792)
University of Colorado System	60.0	103,500	(1,210,560)
Colorado School of Mines	4.0	9,000	(75,660)
University of Northern Colorado	4.0	6,750	(40,468)
Community College System	<u>95.0</u>	<u>213,750</u>	<u>(791,825)</u>
Total	246.0	\$501,750	(\$3,104,270)

*General Fund amounts for COF stipends are reappropriated to each affected governing board.

Finally, because current law requires that General Fund support for financial aid increase at the same rate as support for institutions of higher education, the bill also increases funds required for financial aid by \$117,276 General Fund.

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 add a provision reducing the appropriation to the Department of Higher Education by \$1,983,494 for FY 2016-17. The amendment *increases* appropriations by \$619,026 General Fund, *increases* appropriations by \$501,750 reappropriated funds, and *reduces* appropriations by \$3,104,270 cash funds for tuition amounts. Of the total tuition reduction, \$75,660 (the amount for the Colorado School of Mines) is shown for informational purposes only.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2016-17 based on the March 2016 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates \$3.0 million General Fund to be available to fund 2016 legislation that is not accounted for in the budget package. If the full \$3.0 million is not used to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve.