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REVISED FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Story; Coram Rep. McCluskie; Soper	Bill Status:	House Education
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Bill Topic: AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE GRANT PROGRAM

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires that the Department of Higher Education develop a prioritized capital construction process for area technical colleges. The bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Education Committee.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a grant program in the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to provide up to \$4 million per year to area technical colleges for specific capital and equipment purposes. Area technical colleges, which include the Emily Griffith Technical College, the Technical College of the Rockies, and the Pickens Technical College, may submit grant applications to DHE by July 15 each year to be evaluated and potentially included in DHE's budget request. If more than one grant application is submitted, they must be prioritized by the area technical colleges. Any technical colleges that receive funding must submit a report to DHE in the following year outlining the grant amount received, total and itemized grant expenditures, and the impact the grant had on students.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload for DHE to develop a grant application form for area technical colleges, review the applications, and make budget recommendations to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. This work can be accomplished within existing resources.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education