

**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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Senator Guzman

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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 01/09/15.

	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 JBC staff update incorporates the following adjustments:

- The General Fund amount for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) student stipend is updated. The January 9, 2015 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note estimated the per-student stipend amount at \$1,980. The FY 2015-16 Long Bill (S.B. 15-234), as introduced, reflects a COF stipend of \$2,250 for FY 2015-16.
- In order to draft the appropriations clause, JBC staff reflects the estimated impact of the bill by governing board, based on the same underlying data used by Legislative Council Staff. This drives a small change in the estimated impact of the bill on tuition revenue. Tuition is not appropriated in FY 2015-16, and adjustments are therefore shown for informational purposes only.

The table below summarizes the updated fiscal impact by higher education governing board. Legislative Council Staff concurs with this analysis.

H.B. 15-1027 Fiscal Impact by Governing Board	Student FTE	COF Stipend (General Fund)*	Tuition Reduction (Cash Funds)
Adams State University	5.0	\$11,250	(\$55,205)
Colorado Mesa University	18.0	40,500	(198,738)
Metropolitan State U. of Denver	5.0	11,250	(55,205)
Western State Colorado University	3.0	6,750	(33,123)
Colorado State University System	36.0	72,000	(515,798)
University of Colorado System	57.0	94,500	(863,892)

H.B. 15-1027 Fiscal Impact by Governing Board	Student FTE	COF Stipend (General Fund)*	Tuition Reduction (Cash Funds)
Colorado School of Mines	1.0	2,250	(14,571)
University of Northern Colorado	2.0	4,500	(29,142)
Community College System	<u>81.0</u>	<u>182,250</u>	<u>(901,044)</u>
Total Impact	208.0	\$425,250	(\$2,666,718)

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

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
J.001	Staff-prepared appropriation amendment
L.001/J.002	Bill Sponsor amendment - changes fiscal impact <i>and</i> appropriation

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 \$2,241,468 for FY 2015-16. The amendment *increases* appropriations by \$425,250 General Fund, *increases* appropriations by \$425,250 reappropriated funds, and *reduces* appropriations by \$2,666,718 cash funds for tuition amounts that are shown for informational purposes.

L.001 and J.002

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) modifies the bill’s provisions to specify that a Native American student who qualifies for resident status under the provisions of the bill is **not** eligible for a College Opportunity Fund program stipend. This change eliminates the bill’s General Fund fiscal impact but does not change the bill’s impact on cash funds (tuition). If this amendment is adopted, the bill is still estimated to reduce tuition received by the governing boards. Staff has prepared amendment J.002 (attached) that reduces FY 2015-16 appropriations to the governing boards by \$2,666,718 cash funds for tuition amounts shown for informational purposes. The Committee may adopt **L.001 and J.002** or it may adopt J.001.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2015-16 based on the March 2015 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The budget package allocates a total of \$18.5 million General Fund to be available to fund 2015 legislation. If the full \$18.5 million is not used

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to fund legislation, it will remain in the General Fund reserve. Sponsor amendment L.001 eliminates the bill's General Fund impact.