

SB 551 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/21/21

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Senate Vote

Yeas: 9 - Frederick, Golden, Gorsek, Hansell, Johnson, Knopp, Lieber, Steiner Hayward, Taylor

Nays: 3 - Anderson, Girod, Thomsen

House Vote

Yeas: 10 - Bynum, Drazan, Gomberg, Leif, McLain, Nosse, Rayfield, Sanchez, Sollman, Stark

Exc: 1 - Smith G

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Higher Education Coordinating Commission

2021-23

Budget Summary*

	2019-21	2021 - 23	2021-23	Committee Change from 2019-21	
	Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	Current Service Level	Committee Recommendation	Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 12,900,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 12,900,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2021

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

SB 551 appropriates \$12.9 million General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to provide funding for health insurance coverage for part-time faculty at public universities and community colleges.

Summary of Education Subcommittee Action

SB 551 appropriates General Fund to provide health insurance coverage for part-time faculty at public universities and community colleges. To be eligible, a faculty member must be working at a level equal to at least half of a full-time equivalent employee. In general, the part-time faculty member is responsible for 10% of the premium, with the state picking up the remaining 90%. Each eligible faculty member must select a home institution to manage the benefits for the entire benefit year. The home institution must determine eligibility, collect the 10% premium amount from the faculty member, and pay the full cost of the premium subject to reimbursement for the state share. The faculty member must provide information to the home institution necessary to meet the requirements of the bill. The home institution may request reimbursement for the state share of the premium from HECC, every three months. The bill also establishes the part-time Faculty Insurance Fund, into which the General Fund will be appropriated.

The Subcommittee recommended \$12.9 million General Fund for the part-time Faculty Insurance Fund, which will provide HECC with funding to reimburse public universities and community colleges for the provision of health insurance benefits to part-time faculty.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>									
SCR 525-200 - Directors Office									
Special Payments (6060 Intra-Agency GF Transfer)	\$ 12,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,900,000		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 12,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,900,000	0	0.00
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$ 12,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,900,000	0	0.00