

***Western State College System Tuition Setting Authority Request**

Under the tuition setting authority granted by Senate Bill 10-003, Western State College (WSC) is requesting the following tuition setting authority:

1. WSC is requesting the authority to increase resident undergraduate tuition by 11.6 percent through the five-year planning period if state funding remains at currently forecasted levels for FY 2011-12 (\$9.9 million for WSC).
2. If state funding deteriorates below forecasted levels by approximately 10 percent and remains at that level (a WSC appropriation of about \$9 million), WSC is requesting the flexibility to consider raising tuition rates by up to 16 percent through the five-year planning period.

CCHE FAP Review Subcommittee Recommendation: Approve the tuition authority requested by WSC for FY 2011-12 through FY 2012-13. Approve the final three years of the plan contingent upon a review of the first two years. As part of this approval, Western State College will provide to the commission an update on the strategies adopted by the WSC Board of Trustees to implement the tuition increase in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 and regular updates on the following:

1. Providing data (as agreed to by the Department and WSC) on the enrollment, retention, and completion of low and middle income students and underserved student populations.
2. Other current information (as available) relevant to measuring the success of low and middle income students and underserved student populations.

***Tuition authority approved under the provisions of Senate Bill 10-003 is not tuition rate setting for FY 2011-12. Final FY 2011-12 tuition rates and policy will be set by the WSC Board of Trustees in the spring of 2011.**