

TOPIC: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TUITION POLICIES

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I. SUMMARY

In addition to creating a new funding formula, HB 14-1319 requires the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) provide tuition policy recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2015. This discussion item is intended to provide the Commission with an overview of tuition policy setting practices; identify key issues to be considered; and, present a policy continuum to help inform the Commission's preliminary discussion at the June meeting and further discussions at the August Retreat.

II. BACKGROUND

HB 14-1319 was passed by the Colorado General Assembly and signed by the Governor in May 2014. The bill eliminated the existing funding structure for how state General Fund dollars are allocated to public institutions of higher education as of Fiscal Year 2015-16, and directed the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) to (1) develop and adopt a new base funding allocation formula for these funds within specified parameters by January 15, 2015 and (2) provide tuition policy recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2015.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is informational. No Commission action is required.

IV. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

CRS 23-18-306(5)

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A provides an overview of tuition policy setting practices, key issues and tuition policies employed by other states.
- Attachment B, from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), describes the factors that influence institutional pricing strategies for different kinds of institutions.
- Attachment C is a series of slides intended to help facilitate the Commission's discussion of principles and goals for the policy and key elements for a framework; along with a policy continuum to help provide context for the discussion.