

CCHE Responsibilities in SB10-003

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Policy Issue	Section and Citation	CCHE Responsibility
Master Plan Requirement	Section 2 of the bill Changes to §23-1-108	Requires CCHE to develop a new master plan for higher education on or before Dec. 15, 2010, and submit it to the Governor and General Assembly. Requires the CCHE to develop the plan in collaboration with governing boards and CEO's and to take into account the final report of the Higher Ed Strategic Planning Committee. The CCHE is required to distribute a draft of the plan to governing boards for a 14 day comment period before the plan is submitted to the Governor and General Assembly. Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year, the CCHE must ensure that the master plan is implemented through performance contracts. The CCHE is required to design the master plan to achieve, at a minimum, the needs of the state with regard to the system of higher education, P-20 alignment, accessibility and affordability of the system, funding strategies for stabilizing and sustaining the system, the role and mission of intuitions and the governance structure, ensure the long term fiscal stability and affordability of the state system and ensure the efficient allocation of available state resources to support institutions of higher education. The CCHE must ensure that the master plan specifically addresses providing programs that support and help ensure the success of underserved and underrepresented students who graduate from Colorado high schools.
Financial and Accountability Plans	Section 3 of the bill New Section §23-5-130.5	5-year financial and accountability plans submitted to CCHE based on a timeline set by CCHE, requires governing boards to: • Provide the amount of tuition increases requested; • Show that access and affordability for the enrollment of low and middle income students will be preserved, taking into account the availability of federal, state, institutional, and private monies; • Show measures to reduce student debt load including amount of need-based financial assistance; • Address the needs of underserved and underrepresented students; • Assurance that operational flexibility measures will not reduce the level of service and quality; and

		Any additional information requested by the CCHE. The CCHE is required to review each plan and within 90 days of receiving a plan and either approve or deny the request for a tuition increase. In approving the plan, the Commission may approve the request for two years and make approval for the subsequent three years conditional upon the governing board's success in implementing the plan. If a plan is denied the governing board may submit an alternative plan to the CCHE in accordance with CCHE adopted timelines. If CCHE denies a plan, a governing board may increase tuition up to 9%, or double inflation if higher for the School of Mines, and resubmit a plan for the following fiscal year for greater tuition increases.
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