



# Tuition Policy Framework, Philosophy & Values

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# *Tuition Policy: What We Hope to Accomplish Today*

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Based on your direction at the CCHE retreat:

DHE staff developed a tuition policy framework, philosophy and values:

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Value #3 - Flexibility for Institutions

Value #4 - Accountability and Meeting Completion Goals

Staff seeks your feedback and approval of the tuition policy framework.

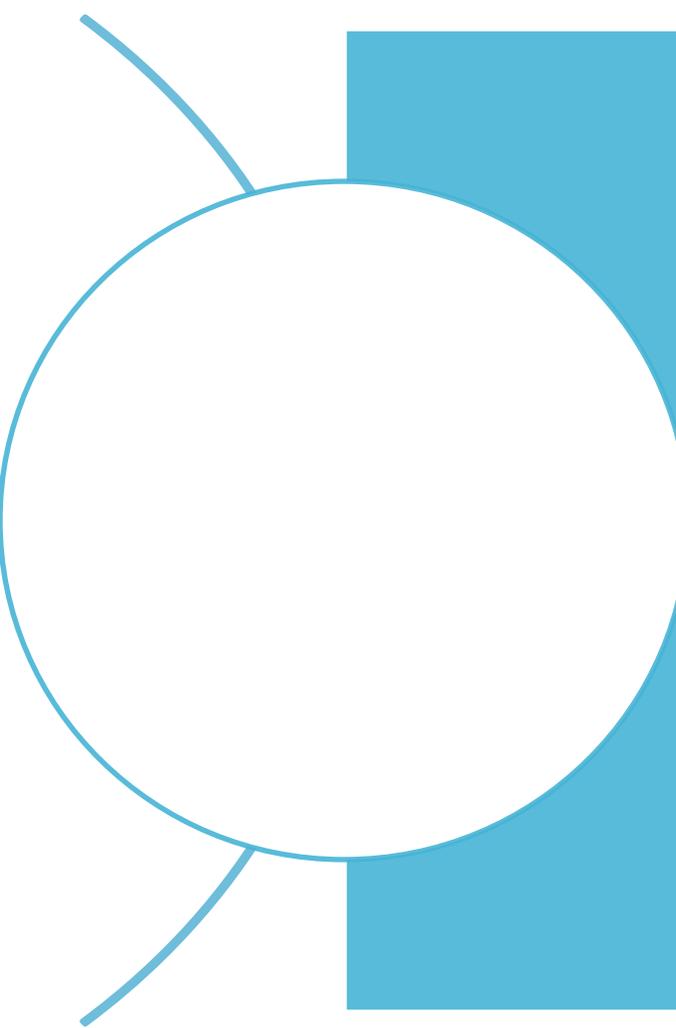
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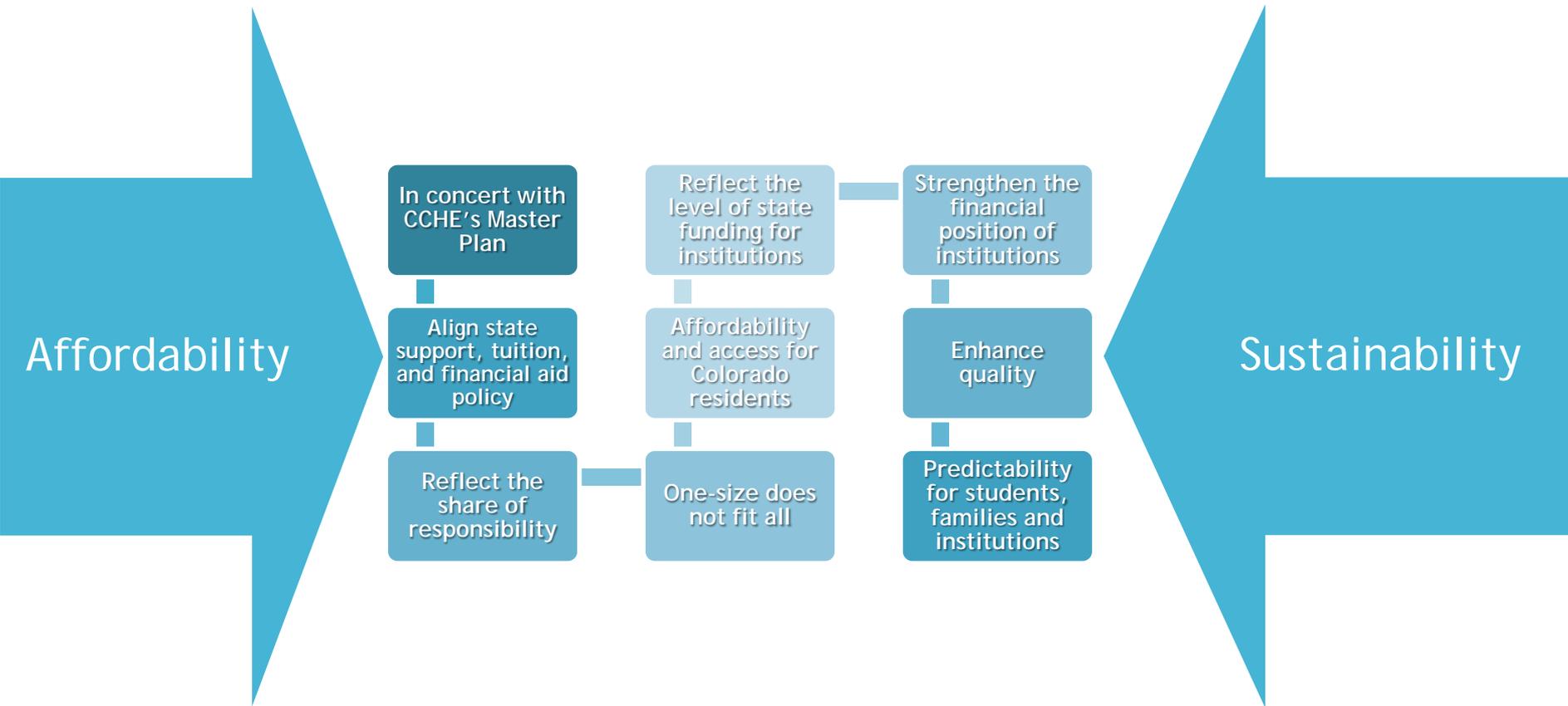
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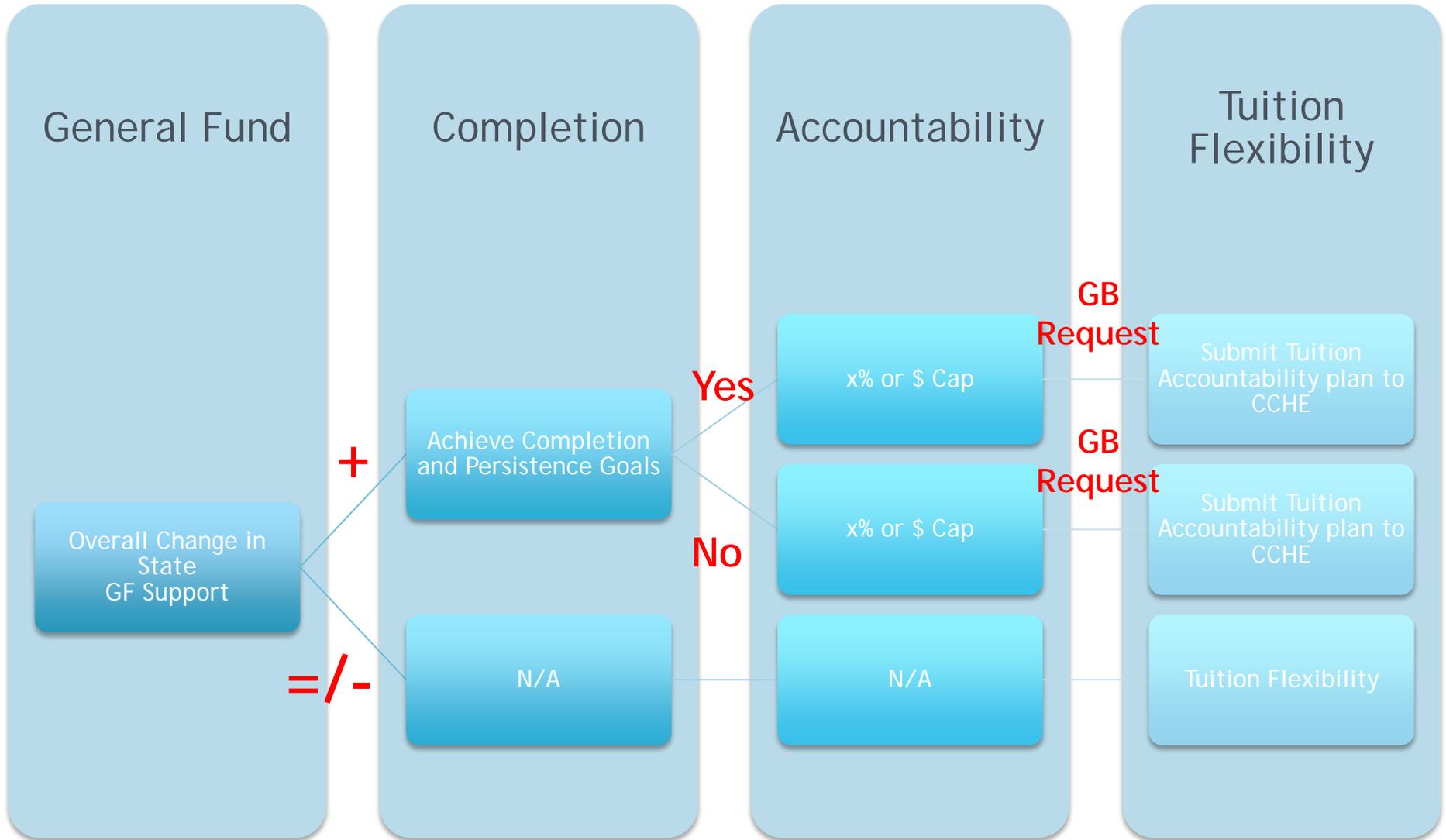


C.R.S §23-18-306 (5)...(5) The general assembly finds and declares that it is vital that Colorado's higher education system is accessible and affordable for all Coloradans. The institutions' tuition policies are an important component of ensuring both the affordability and sustainability of Colorado's higher education system. With the expiration of tuition policies implemented pursuant to recent legislation, it is imperative that the commission and the governing boards of state institutions of higher education, as well as other interested parties, work cooperatively to structure an ongoing tuition policy for the state. Therefore, by November 1, 2015, the commission shall submit to the joint budget committee and to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate tuition policies that ensure both accessible and affordable higher education for Colorado's residents. The tuition policies must also reflect the level of state funding for institutions and the need of each institution to enhance the quality of educational programs and offerings and strengthen the financial position of the institution. The commission shall develop the tuition policy recommendations in consultation with the governing boards of the institutions and other interested parties using an inclusive and transparent process.

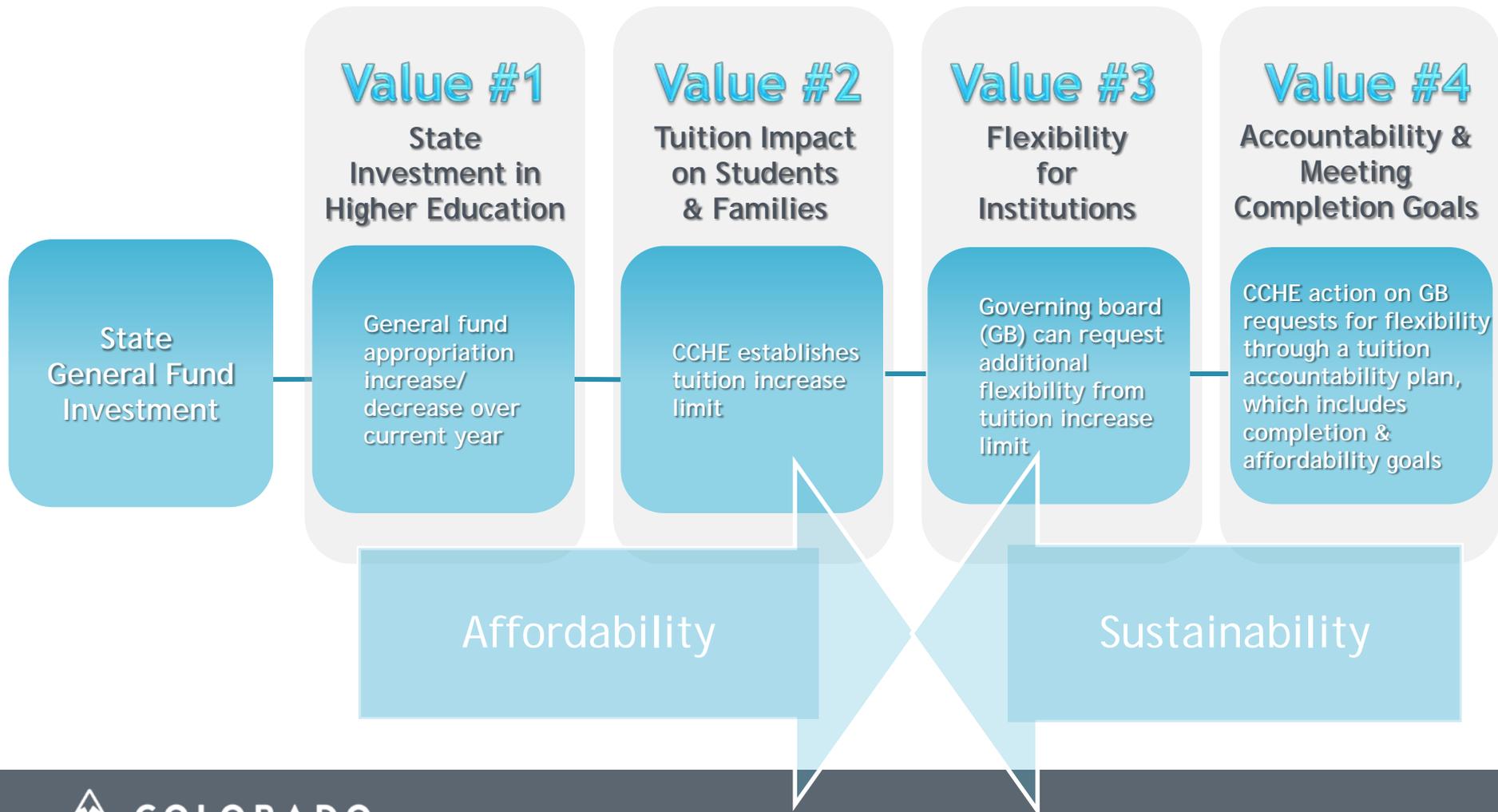
# Tuition Policy Background: Principles



# Tuition Decision Tree

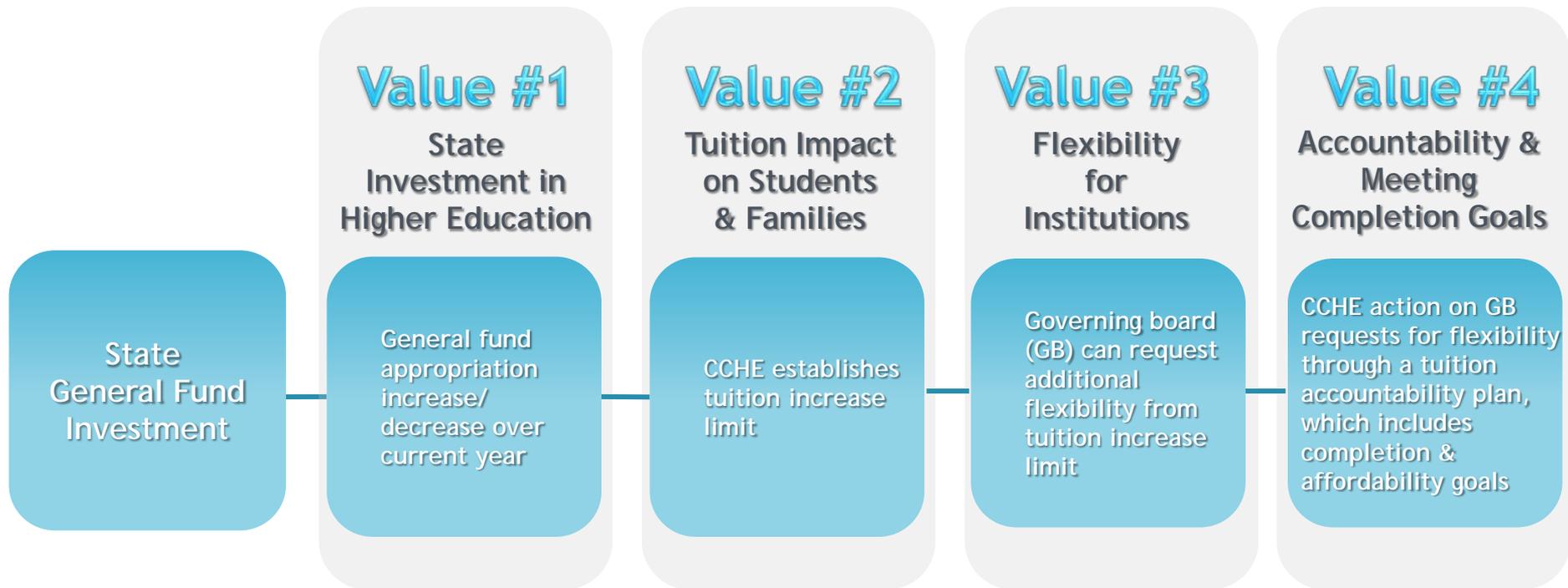


# Tuition Policy Framework: Philosophy and Values



# Tuition Policy Framework:

## Philosophy and Values *(Discussion Draft, 9/3/15)*

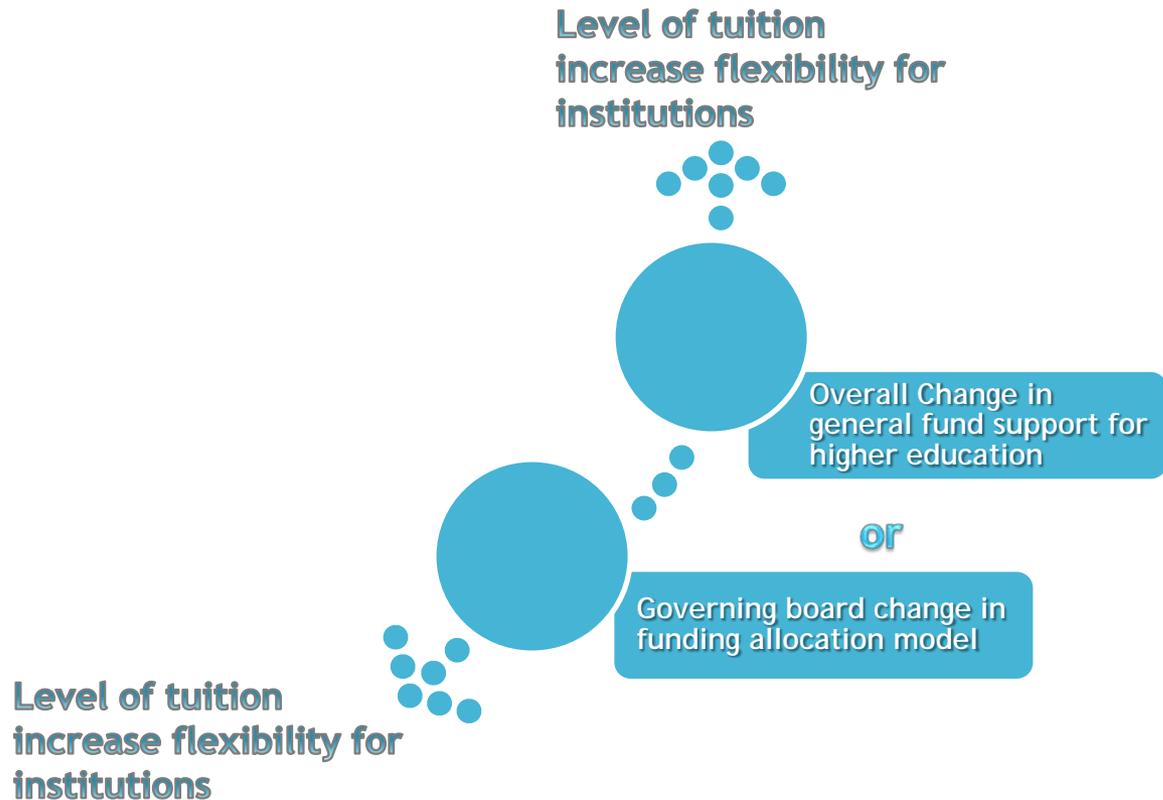


# Tuition Policy Framework: State Investment in Higher Education

## Value #1

State  
Investment in  
Higher Education

General fund  
appropriation  
increase/  
decrease over  
current year



# Tuition Policy Framework:

## CCHE Establishes Tuition Increase Limit

### Value #2

Tuition Impact  
on Students  
& Families

CCHE establishes  
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### Example #1



### Example #2

General  
fund  
growth  
above X



### Example #3

If

General  
fund  
growth

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## Tuition Increase Limit

### Rate Limit

Under a rate limit the price of tuition cannot grow beyond a specified rate. For example, assuming a rate limit of 5.0%, a tuition rate for a full-time student of \$4,000 in year A would increase to a maximum tuition price of \$4,200 in year B.

### Revenue Limit

Under a revenue limit the growth in the price of tuition is not explicitly stated, instead the income growth an institution can generate from tuition is limited.

### \$ Limit

Under a \$ limit the price of tuition cannot grow beyond a specified amount. This allows for greater flexibility among institution. For example, assuming a \$500 limit, and depending on base tuition levels, one institution could raise tuition by 5% while another institution could raise tuition by 10%.

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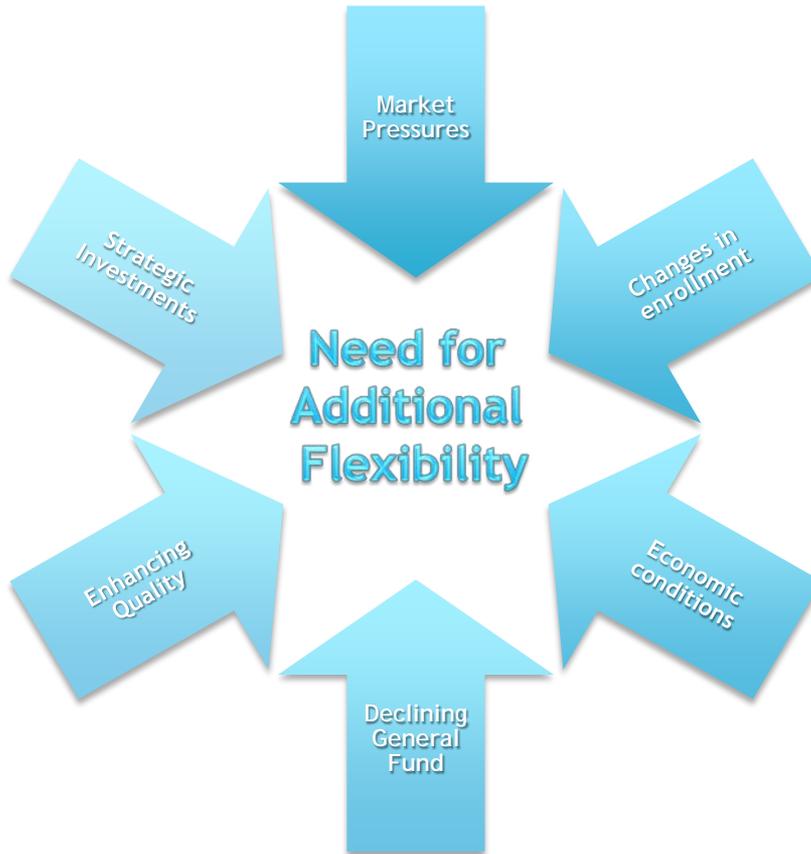
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State Institution	Base 14-15 Undergraduate Resident Tuition	1% Increase
Mines*	\$14,790	\$148
CU B	\$9,048	\$90
UCD	\$8,760	\$88
CSU-FC	\$7,868	\$79
UCCS	\$7,710	\$77
CMU	\$6,812	\$68
UNC	\$6,024	\$60
CSU-P	\$5,824	\$58
FLC	\$5,544	\$55
WSCU	\$5,539	\$55
ASU	\$5,160	\$52
MSU-D	\$4,973	\$50
CCCS	\$3,747	\$37

# Tuition Policy Framework: Flexibility for Institutions

### Value #3

#### Flexibility for Institutions

Governing board (GB) can request additional flexibility from tuition increase limit



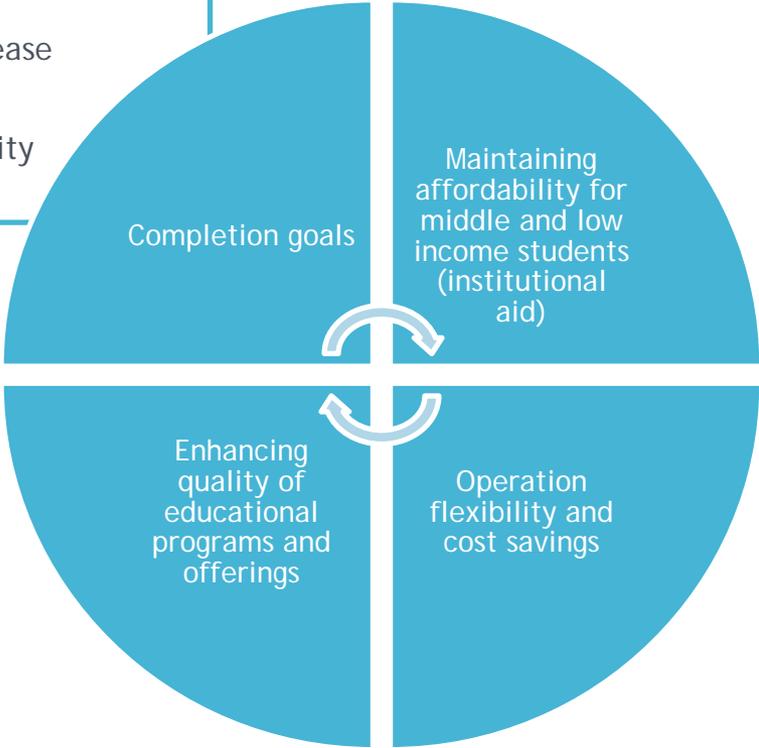
# Tuition Policy Framework: Accountability & Meeting Completion Goals

## Value #4

### Accountability & Meeting Completion Goals

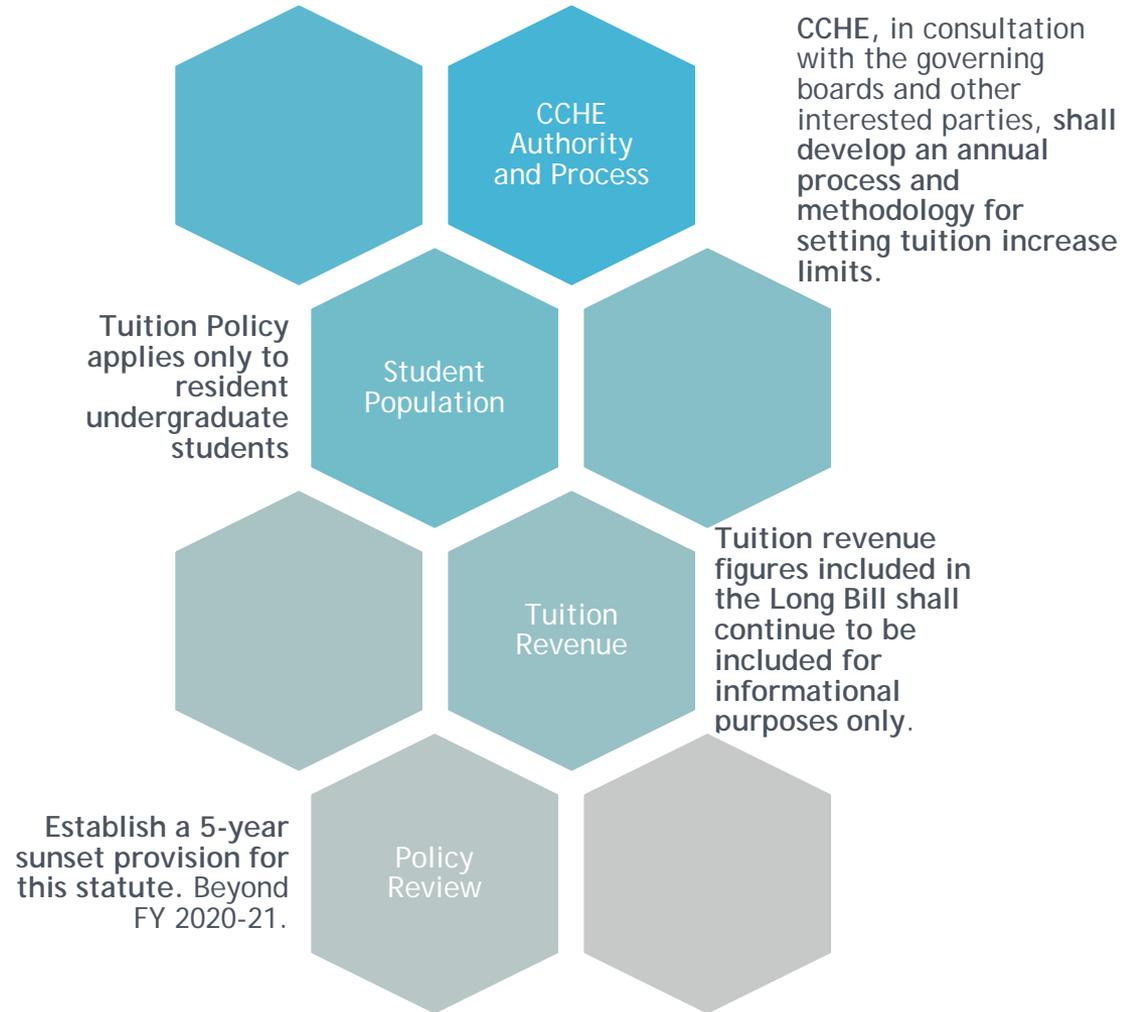
CCHE action on GB requests for flexibility through a tuition accountability plan, which includes completion & affordability goals

• CCHE action on request for tuition increase flexibility (Tuition Accountability Plan)



# Tuition Policy Framework:

## Potential Statutory Authority to Develop and Implement CCHE Tuition Policy



# Calendar: State Operating Budget Request, Governing Board Allocations, and Tuition

July

- Conversations begin with Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) about General Fund request for operating for public colleges and universities (and financial aid) and tuition increase limit for resident, undergraduate students

August

- Finalize General Fund budget request and range of tuition increase limit options for OSPB and Governor's review

Sept.

- Department of Higher Education (CDHE) meetings with OSPB and Governor to present request and options for tuition increase limits
- Last data set for funding allocation model is due. CDHE staff review and prep data for the model

Oct.

- CDHE staff, in conjunction with institutions, run the model to determine the Governing Board allocations for the request
- CCHE votes on 1) model weights and allocations and 2) tuition increase limits for request year

Nov.

- Budget request and allocations submitted to Legislative Joint Budget Committee along with CCHE requested tuition limits

Dec.

- JBC analyst presents CDHE budget request to JBC at Briefing
- CDHE Director and CCHE Chair respond to the Briefing at the JBC Hearing

March-  
April

- JBC members hold figure setting to set the budget in the Long Bill
- Long Bill moves through the General Assembly
- Governor signs or vetoes Long Bill
- CCHE acts on Governing Board request to exceed tuition increase limits via a Tuition Accountability Plan

April-  
May

- Individual Governing Boards set tuition rates at respective institutions

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# *Tuition Policy: Next Steps*

September 9	CCHE Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Audit
September 15	CFO Meeting
September 24	CEO Meeting
Sept /Oct	Meetings with OSPB and Governor
Sept/Oct	Meetings with Key Legislators, especially JBC members
October 5	CCHE Conference Call - Update on Tuition Policy
October 8-9	Governing Board Summit
October 14	CCHE Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Audit
October 15	CCHE Conference Call - Update on Allocations and Tuition
October 20	CFO Meeting
October 22	CEO Meeting
October 29	CCHE Meeting - Action on Funding Allocations and Tuition Policy Recommendation



*Questions?*



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