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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **FIRST-GENERATION-SERVING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires the Department of Higher Education to identify first-generation-serving institutions of higher education. The bill increases state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill defines “first-generation-serving institution” as an institution of higher education that has either:

- a resident, first-generation, undergraduate student population share of 45 percent or greater for three consecutive years, including the current year; or
- obtained a First Scholars Network of Institutions designation from the Center for First-Generation Student Success, or a similar third-party designation.

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) is required to annually identify these institutions, notify qualifying institutions and the General Assembly, and post those institutions on its website.

State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for DHE to identify qualifying institutions, post the institutions online, and notify the institutions and the General Assembly. Institutions of higher education already submit data on first-generation students to the department. No change in appropriations for either is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).