

MEMORANDUM



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TO Joing Budget Committee
FROM Amanda Bickel, JBC Staff (x4960)
DATE March 16, 2017
SUBJECT Proposed Wording for New Higher Education RFIs

During figures setting for the Department of Higher Education, the JBC requested several additional requests for information (RFIs) or modifications to proposed RFI requests. Suggested language is included below.

- 1 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education -- The Joint Budget Committee requests that during the annual review process of the new funding allocation model, the Department consider the following policy issues and include with its annual budget request, due November 1, 2017, a report on how these issues were examined, incorporated into the current model, or otherwise decided upon:
 - Providing funding in the model for students who are first in their families to attend college ("first generation" students). This could include weighting performance completions and/or adding funding per enrollee if and when feasible.
 - Considering whether additional adjustments are appropriate to align the funding model with state master plan goals.
 - Providing a component for *successful* student remediation in the model.
 - Further emphasizing support for Pell-eligible students in the model.
- 2 Department of Higher Education, History Colorado, History Colorado Museums, Community Museums – History Colorado is requested to submit a report by October 1, 2017 explaining how it will ensure that new resources for the community museums, including new staff, will be used to support broader state regional tourism and historic preservation goals. This may include, but need not be limited to describing:
 - How state-funded community museums will become regional coordinating entities that: (1) support visits to other regional historical museums and sites, including those not owned by the state; and (2) provide information on other History Colorado programs and resources, such as state historic preservation programs and tax credits.
 - How state-funded community museums will integrate their efforts with tourism initiatives sponsored by the Colorado Tourism Office and other state agencies. This should include playing a leading role in efforts to integrate state-owned community history museums, other local history museums, historic sites, and historic byways into state tourism promotion.
- 3 Department of Higher Education , Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Special Purpose, Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education and WICHE Optometry – The Department is requested to submit a report, by October 1, 2017, on the WICHE professional exchange programs.

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Does it still make sense for the State to participate in the Optometry program, given the state supply of optometrists? Are there other WICHE exchange programs that should be added or eliminated based on potential benefits and costs to the State?