

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Budget Committee

FROM: Amanda Bickel, JBC Staff

SUBJECT: Clarifying/Requesting Action on Capital/Higher Education Items

DATE: March 14, 2014

Staff would like to obtain/confirm Committee action on three previously-presented issues.

Department of Higher Education Footnotes/RFIs: Footnote/RFI/Amendment to S.B. 14-001. The Committee moved and approved all footnotes and requests for information (RFIs) presented in the figure setting packet for the Department of Higher Education plus an additional Committee-requested RFI. However:

Legislative intent on “supplement not supplant” institutional financial aid: In the footnote discussion, staff had indicated that if the Committee chose to do a placeholder for S.B. 14-001, one of the RFIs would more appropriately be included in an amendment providing a legislative declaration in S.B. 14-001. **Staff wishes to confirm that the Committee wishes staff to draft an amendment for S.B. 14-001 to address this issue.** The discussion from the figure setting packet was as follows:

“Staff recommends the following **new footnote (or equivalent addition to S.B. 14-001)**

N **Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education Financial Aid, Need Based Grants; and Work Study** – It is the intent of the General Assembly in making this appropriation that additional General Fund be used to supplement, rather than supplant, institutional need-based financial aid for resident students.

Comment: **If the associated appropriations for need-based aid are included in S.B. 14-001, staff recommends that in lieu of adding this footnote, similar legislative intent language be included in the appropriation clause or in the legislative declaration for the bill.** Like a footnote, such “intent” language would not change statute and thus would not be binding. However, it would serve as a reminder to the institutions that this is legislative concern and place the institutions on notice that the General Assembly will pay attention to how the new funds are used.”

Request for Information on the GEAR-UP program: The Committee originally voted to include \$1.0 million General Fund for the GEAR-UP program in the Long Bill, along with a request for information. It then voted to pull this amount out of the Long Bill and instead establish a placeholder for this amount in a separate bill. **Does the Committee still wish an RFI attached to the federal funds line item in the Long Bill?** If so, staff recommends the following language:

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N Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Special Purpose, GEAR-UP – The Department is requested to provide a report, by November 1, 2014, on the GEAR-UP program, including how funds provided are used and the program’s impact on students.

Capital Construction – COFRS Modernization: The Committee has thus far voted on only a portion of the capital construction packet presented March 11. Staff requests that the Committee take action on one additional section prior to the March forecast—common policy on COFRS modernization. Because this affects all departments, it would be helpful to have Committee action earlier rather than later. The recommendation, as discussed, represents a placeholder for changes that the Executive expects to request in November.

Dept	GF	CF	RF	FF	Total
Agriculture	9,783	56,487	0	6,701	72,971
Corrections	480,395	30,736	33,379	15,402	559,912
Education	61,100	89,496	47,318	0	197,914
Governor	22,407	23,019	0	21,753	67,179
Health Care Policy and Financing	329,397	173,190	2,052	446,021	950,660
Higher Education	0	19,614	16,847	2,543	39,004
Human Services	814,729	251,033	0	455,458	1,521,220
Judicial	1,056,857	0	0	10,340	1,067,197
Labor and Employment	0	185,370	0	258,727	444,097
Law	0	0	46,431	1,139	47,570
Legislative Department	19,406	0	0	0	19,406
Local Affairs	104,883	0	52,620	45,222	202,725
Military and Veterans Affairs	1,418	0	0	36,272	37,690
Natural Resources	130,479	1,113,765	67,437	100,015	1,411,696
Personnel	74,907	30,022	183,132	0	288,061
Public Health	0	0	699,370	0	699,370
Public Safety	52,658	95,007	34,217	16,746	198,628
Regulatory Agencies	3,016	131,452	7,995	2,003	144,466
Revenue	80,654	232,718	0	0	313,372
State	0	40,140	0	0	40,140
Transportation	0	107,310	0	34,811	142,121
Treasury	45,502	55,614	0	0	101,116
TOTAL	\$3,287,591	\$2,634,973	\$1,190,798	\$1,453,153	\$8,566,515