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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: NO FUNDING TRAFFICKING ABORTED HUMAN BODY PARTS

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill prohibits state funding for any institution of higher education that engages in the purchase, sale, harvesting, or trafficking of aborted human body parts. The bill may decrease state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No change in appropriations is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill prohibits state funding for any institution of higher education that engages in the purchase, sale, harvesting, or trafficking of aborted human body parts. Each institution of higher education must submit a verified report to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) by December 1 each year that states whether the institution has directly or indirectly purchased, sold, harvested, or trafficked aborted human body parts.

Background

Current law. State and federal law prohibit the acquisition, receipt, or other transfer of human fetal tissue for valuable consideration if the transfer affects interstate or intrastate commerce. State law also prohibits the transfer of fetal tissue for research or for transplant purposes by a physician or institution that performs induced terminations of pregnancy.

State appropriations to institutions of higher education. In the FY 2017-18 Appropriations Act (the Long Bill), the governing boards of state institutions of higher education were appropriated a total of \$690 million from the General Fund, excluding tuition and fees. This appropriation was allocated to each institution as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1
State Appropriations to Institutions of Higher Education

Institution	FY 2017-18 Appropriation
Adams State University	\$14,259,963
Aims Community College	\$8,654,810
Area Technical Colleges	\$10,218,039
Colorado Mesa University	\$25,951,161
Colorado Mountain College	\$7,319,484
Colorado School of Mines	\$21,484,706
Colorado State University	\$139,285,526
Community College System	\$153,709,215
Fort Lewis College	\$11,784,939
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$51,626,603
University of Colorado System	\$194,318,227
University of Northern Colorado	\$39,597,408
Western State Colorado University	\$11,821,897
TOTAL	\$690,031,978

State Expenditures

The bill decreases state General Fund expenditures beginning in FY 2017-18 for any state institution of higher education that affirms to the JBC that the institution directly or indirectly purchased, sold, harvested, or trafficked aborted human body parts in the previous fiscal year. This fiscal note assumes that all institutions will comply with applicable federal and state laws. As such, no change in appropriations is anticipated.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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