

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 3089**

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Higher Education Coordinating Commission to award "Hunger Free Campus" designation to public universities and community colleges that demonstrate required actions taken to combat hunger.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Public Universities, Community Colleges

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Higher Education Coordinating Commission		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$182,659	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$53,852	\$0
Special Payments	\$4,763,489	\$0
Total General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>\$5,000,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Positions</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>FTE</i>	<i>0.75</i>	<i>0.00</i>
Total General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$5,000,000	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total FTE</i>	<i>0.75</i>	<i>0.00</i>

Analysis:

House Bill 3089 appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Commission (HECC) and establishes a process for public institutions of higher education to apply for a "Hunger Free Campus" designation. The measure directs HECC to award the "Hunger Free Campus" designation to each public institution of higher education that applies for the designation and satisfies the criteria for determining eligibility based on institutional actions and programs related to combating student hunger. The measure also directs HECC, when sufficient moneys are available, to administer a grant program to provide moneys for funding student programs and innovations at institutions of higher education and outlines criteria for prioritizing applications. The measure takes effect on July 1, 2023.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

The measure directs HECC to establish an application process for the "Hunger Free Campus" designation, and to design and implement a grant program for student hunger programs at public institutions of higher education. Of the \$5 million General Fund to fund the grant program, HECC would distribute \$4.7 million to public institutions of higher education as special payments to fund student hunger programs. The remaining funds would be set

aside for personal services and services and supplies costs for HECC to establish and administer the grant program and the “Hunger Free Campus” designation process. HECC estimates it will need to hire two limited duration positions, including one Program Analyst 3 position (0.50 FTE) to establish and administer the grant program and designation process, and one Research Analyst 4 position (0.25 FTE) to prepare survey questions, receive and analyze data, and work with public institutions of higher education on each step of the grant and designation processes. The estimated cost to hire these two positions is \$236,511 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.

Beyond the 2023-25 biennium, the fiscal impact to HECC is uncertain, as the measure only appropriates funds for the grant program for the 2023-25 biennium. Furthermore, the measure only requires HECC to operate this grant program “when [it] determines that sufficient moneys are available.”

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact to the State’s General Fund and HECC’s biennial budget.

Public Universities and Community Colleges

The “Hunger Free Campus” designation and the grant program are voluntary for public institutions of higher education, and grant funds would be available to assist public institutions of higher education with associated expenses if they choose to participate in the program. For that reason, the measure is anticipated to have only a minimal fiscal impact on public universities and community colleges, if any.