

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2961**

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Measure Description:

Appropriates \$5,000,000 to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for allocation to expand scope and community reach of college access and success programs at public universities and community colleges.

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 |
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| Higher Education Coordinating Commission | | |
| General Fund | | |
| Special Payments | \$5,000,000 | \$0 |
| Total General Fund | \$5,000,000 | \$0 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$5,000,000 | \$0 |

Analysis:

House Bill 2961 appropriates \$5 million General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for allocation to public universities and community colleges to expand the scope and community reach of college access and success programs. The measure takes effect on July 1, 2023.

HECC would administer grant agreements with public universities and community colleges for outreach programs and distribute the \$5 million General Fund as special payments to public universities and community colleges. The costs of administering these grant agreements are absorbable within HECC's current budget, and no additional staffing is required. Agreements would follow pre-existing processes for outreach programs, with modifications as needed. This fiscal impact statement reflects the costs of the grant awards.

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.