



EDUCATION AGENCIES: FEES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

Statute requires the Legislature to annually review and approve all fees charged by state agencies. In the public education budget, three line-items charge fees: Utah State Office of Education, USOE-Educator Licensing and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. This brief includes a listing of each fee charged, including, any changes in fee rate or anticipated quantity of fees charged.

STATUTORY GUIDELINES

Utah statute, 63J-1-504, details the process for the approval of fees. Specifically, statute states that “each fee agency shall submit its fee schedule or special assessment amount to the Legislature for its approval on an annual basis. The Legislature may approve, increase or decrease and approve, or reject any fee submitted to it by a fee agency.”

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following sections detail fees charged by the Utah State Office of Education, USOE-Educator Licensing and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Following review and approval of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, the listed fees will be included in the FY 2012 budget. All fees are approved by the Legislature through an appropriations act. The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee may wish to:

- Review the following fee detail tables for the Utah State Office of Education, USOE-Educator Licensing, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Approve a final fee schedule to recommend to the Executive Appropriations Committee for inclusion in the final education funding bill.
- Consider the request of the State Office of Education to adjust appropriated fee revenue amounts in FY 2011 and FY 2012 to reflect the anticipated revenue based on the recommended fee schedule as outlined on page 3 and 5.

FEES: UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Utah State Office of Education assumed direction of the Elementary Math and Science Core Academy a couple of years ago. The Core Academy provides supplemental instruction to teachers in the state's core curriculum (with specific content in math and science for grades 3-6). Academy activities provide emphasis in "targeted instruction, formative assessment practices, and accountability measures by teachers" (USOE Core Academy, website, 2011).

Educators pay a fee to participate in the Core Academy. The fee is detailed below.

FEE DETAIL TABLE

Fees for Student Achievement:	Old Fee	New Fee	Change	Quantity	Revenue
Elementary Math and Science Core Academy					
Registration Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	3,500	0
Total					\$0

FEES: USOE-EDUCATOR LICENSING

The Legislature, through the Educator Licensing and Professional Practices Act, established that “quality teaching is the basic building block of successful schools and, outside of home and family circumstances, the essential component of student achievement; the high quality of teachers is absolutely essential to enhance student achievement and to assure educational excellence in each classroom in the state’s public schools” (UCA 53A-6-102).

Statute Requires Fees

The Educator Licensing and Professional Practices Act states that, “the board shall levy a fee for each new, renewed, or reinstated license or endorsement in accordance with Section 63J-1-504” (UCA 53A-6-105).

Fee revenue from educator licenses is deposited in the Professional Practices Restricted Subfund (part of the Uniform School Fund). The State Board of Education “shall pay the expenses of issuing licenses and of UPPAC (Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission) operations, and the costs of collecting license fees from the restricted subfund” (UCA 53A-6-105).

The State Office of Education is required to submit an annual report to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee informing the Legislature about the fund, fees assessed and collected, and expenditures from the fund.

History

In the 2007 General Session, the Legislature moved the teacher licensing activities and fee revenues into a separate line item from the USOE main budget. This line item was designed to contain all educator licensing fee revenue and expenditures from the restricted subfund. Additionally, the Legislature transferred from Law, Legislation, and Educational Services, the 11.0 FTEs associated with the program to this new line item. This action has required the USOE to account for the proper costs associated with issuing teacher licenses. It has also required the office to pay for the FTEs with revenue generated and dedicated for that purpose, pursuant to statute, and not with state funds.

BUDGET DETAIL

The following budget table contains detail for the Educator Licensing line-item. Following the budget detail table is the Educator Licensing fee schedule submitted by the State Board of Education for fiscal year 2012. The fee detail table only shows the estimated change in fee revenue in FY 2012 based on changes to the fee or quantity of fees, not total fee revenue collected.

The State Office of Education requests authority to increase certain fees charged and update the quantity of anticipated fees charged in both FY 2011 and FY 2012. In FY 2011, the increase request is \$703,200 over the \$1,469,900 currently appropriated for a total of \$2,173,100. In FY 2012, the increase request is also \$703,200 to bring the total appropriation to \$2,173,100.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

State Board of Education - Educator Licensing

Sources of Finance	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2011 Revised	Changes	FY 2012* Base Budget
USFR - Professional Practices	1,460,600	1,469,900	0	1,469,900	0	1,469,900
Beginning Nonlapsing	132,900	0	0	0	0	0
Lapsing Balance	0	(203,800)	0	(203,800)	0	(203,800)
Total	\$1,593,500	\$1,266,100	\$0	\$1,266,100	\$0	\$1,266,100
Programs						
Educator Licensing	1,593,500	1,266,100	0	1,266,100	0	1,266,100
Total	\$1,593,500	\$1,266,100	\$0	\$1,266,100	\$0	\$1,266,100
Categories of Expenditure						
Personnel Services	790,600	761,500	(7,100)	754,400	0	754,400
In-state Travel	3,800	3,000	800	3,800	0	3,800
Out-of-state Travel	3,400	900	2,500	3,400	0	3,400
Current Expense	677,500	410,500	(24,200)	386,300	0	386,300
DP Current Expense	6,800	5,200	1,600	6,800	0	6,800
Other Charges/Pass Thru	111,400	85,000	26,400	111,400	0	111,400
Total	\$1,593,500	\$1,266,100	\$0	\$1,266,100	\$0	\$1,266,100
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	12	11	0	11	0	11

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

FEE DETAIL TABLE

Fees for Educator Licensing:	Old Fee	New Fee	Change	Quantity	Revenue
Teacher Licensure Fees					
Level I					
Utah University Recommended	55.00	60.00	5.00	2,635	13,175
Student License	25.00	30.00	5.00	2,136	10,680
Out of State					
Application Fee	81.00	90.00	9.00	571	5,139
Evaluation Fee	50.00	0.00	-50.00	0	0
Additional License Areas and Endorsements	30.00	0.00	-30.00	0	0
District/Charter License					
District/Charter License	45.00	50.00	5.00	8	40
Evaluation Fee	50.00	0.00	-50.00	0	0
One Year Extension	25.00	36.00	11.00	168	1,848
District/Charter License					
Additional License Areas and Endorsements	30.00	0.00	-30.00	0	0
Career and Technical Education					
Career and Technology Education	45.00	50.00	5.00	59	295
Evaluation Fee	50.00	0.00	-50.00	0	0
Level Upgrade	45.00	50.00	5.00	1,887	9,435
Renewal					
Active Educators	45.00	50.00	5.00	5,370	26,850
Inactive Educators	70.00	80.00	10.00	0	0
Non-Resident	100.00	0.00	-100.00	0	0
Returning Educator Application	60.00	65.00	5.00	62	310
Returning Educator Renewal Recommendation	25.00	30.00	5.00	62	310
Endorsements					
Institutionally or District Approved	30.00	35.00	5.00	0	0
Individual Application	40.00	45.00	5.00	1,624	8,120
Duplicates/Replacements	16.00	20.00	4.00	461	1,844
Underqualified Educators					
State Approved Endorsement Program					
Application/Evaluation Fee	35.00	45.00	10.00	256	2,560
Letter of Authorization Request	30.00	35.00	5.00	1,141	5,705
Subsequent Year Supervision Fee	155.00	0.00	-155.00	0	0
Alternative Licensure					
Application and Evaluation	100.00	100.00	0.00	636	0
Program Development and Tracking	300.00	400.00	100.00	270	27,000
License Recommendation	50.00	55.00	5.00	294	1,470
Finger Printing Fees					
FBI & BCI	49.00	49.00	0.00	13,580	0
Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission	20.00	25.00	5.00	21,417	107,085
Total					\$221,866

FEES: UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

The State Board of Education passed rules in December 2009 that allow the USDB to charge some Local Education Agencies (LEAs – i.e. school districts & charter schools) fees. While most educational services provided by USDB remain free to a student's LEA, the Board established that LEAs with more than 3 percent of the total state student population shall pay fees for certain services. Educational services provided by USDB that require a fee include:

- Outreach teacher services that include: sensory specific services to students in instruction, assessments, placement, educational programming and evaluation, monitoring of student progress, as well as, supports to a classroom teacher like consultation and technical assistance.
- Related services to support the student – including: audiology and low vision services.

BUDGET DETAIL

The following table details the USDB fee schedule submitted by the State Board of Education for fiscal year 2012. The budget detail table for USDB is included in a separate brief. The schools anticipate approximately \$1,054,400 in fee revenue in FY 2012. USDB fee revenue is part of the "Dedicated Credits" revenue source listed on the budget detail table.

Both USDB operating divisions, namely, Instructional Service and Support Services, charge fees. The fees for each division are detailed below. The fee detail table only shows the estimated change in fee revenue in FY 2012, not total fee revenue collected.

FEE DETAIL TABLE

Fees for Instructional Services:	Old Fee	New Fee	Change	Quantity	Revenue
USDB - Instruction					
Educational Interpreter	37.30	36.17	-1.13	2,534	-2,863
Teachers Aide	11.08	11.58	.50	3,801	1,901
Student Education Services Aide	24.65	22.54	-2.11	3,733	-7,877
Educator	48.06	52.83	4.77	14,933	71,230
After-School Program	0.00	30.00	30.00	50	1,500
Pre-School Monthly Tuition	75.00	75.00	0.00	42	0
Out-of-State Tuition	50,600.00	50,600.00	0.00	0	0
Total					\$63,891
Fees for Support Services:	Old Fee	New Fee	Change	Quantity	Revenue
USDB - Support Services					
Educator	48.06	52.83	4.77	500	2,385
Conference Attendance					
Educator	0.00	100.00	100.00	50	5,000
Parent	0.00	25.00	25.00	50	1,250
Adult Lunch Tickets	2.00	2.00	0.00	200	0
Copy & Fax Machine Fees					
Fax Machine	1.00	1.00	0.00	50	0
Copy Machine - Color	1.00	1.00	0.00	100	0
Copy Machine	.10	.10	0.00	1,000	0
Athletic Fee - Per Sport	65.00	100.00	35.00	40	1,400
Room Rental					
Dormitory	19.00	19.00	0.00	5	0
Conference	94.00	94.00	0.00	12	0
Multipurpose	188.00	188.00	0.00	12	0
Total					\$10,035