



MISSION-BASED FUNDING

HIGHER EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

During the 2011 General Session, the Legislature approved S.B. 97, Higher Education Mission Based Funding (*Urquhart*) which requires the annual budget request from the Board of Regents to consider each institution’s mission. Mission Based funding is to include enrollment growth and up to three strategic priorities. The bill also requires the Board to include ways to address funding inequities among institutions.

Last year, the Legislature approved a total of \$8 million for these two objectives - \$4 million for Mission-Based Funding and \$4 million for Equity.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of Mission-Based Funding is to emphasize each institution’s mission and purpose and capitalize on their strengths. Each institution has a specific mission that fits within the system. Focusing on those missions should help them concentrate their efforts in those areas. The Equity portion is to correct inequities that have evolved over time and have resulted in discrepancies in funding levels between institutions.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The State Board of Regents has requested a total of \$16 million - \$8 million each in Distinctive Mission and Equity. The Governor has recommended a total of \$11 million without distinction to specific a category. The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee consider \$5,500,100 toward this initiative, should additional funding be allocated to it.

The proposed breakout for this funding is shown below:

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| University of Utah | \$652,200 |
| Utah State University | 558,300 |
| Weber State University | 549,900 |
| Southern Utah University | 296,500 |
| Utah Valley University | 1,679,100 |
| Snow College | 22,400 |
| Dixie State College | 439,500 |
| Salt Lake Community College | <u>1,302,200</u> |
| TOTAL | \$5,500,100 |