



STATE BOARD OF REGENTS – STUDENT ASSISTANCE

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

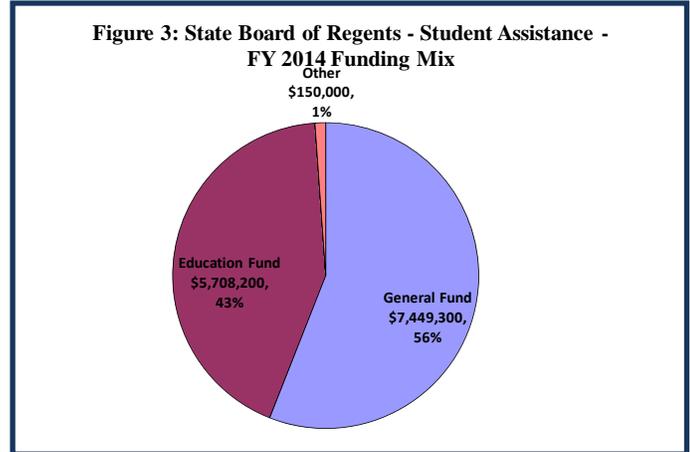
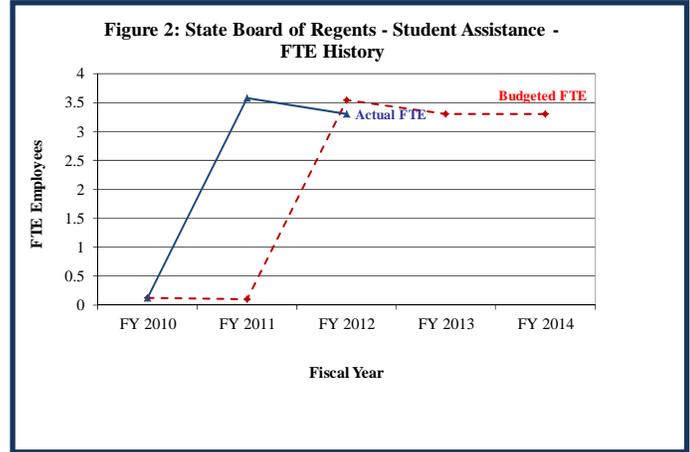
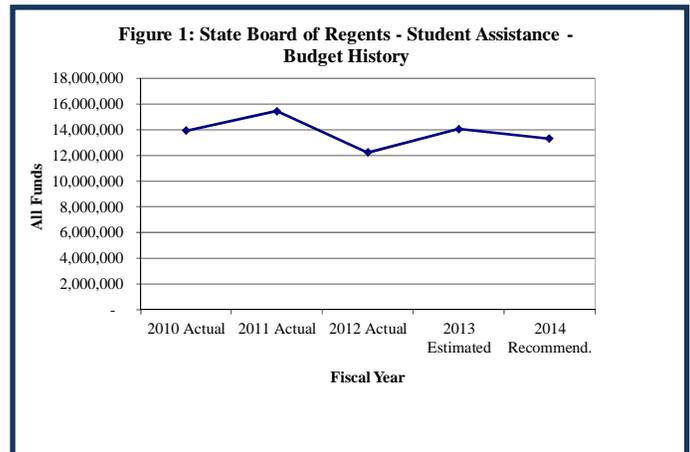
The Student Assistance line item within the Utah State Board of Regents covers eight programs, six of which are state-funded scholarship programs, one is an incentive loan program, and the last one is the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). These programs are designed to help students financially in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

The programs within this line item include:

- Regents’ Scholarship
- Student Financial Aid
- Minority Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance
- New Century Scholarship
- Success Stipend (formerly known as the Utah Centennial Opportunity Program for Education or UCOPE)
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
- T.H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Base Budget: The State Board of Regents’ Student Assistance line item FY 2014 base budget is \$13,307,500, with \$7,449,300 from the General Fund; \$5,708,200 from the Education Fund; \$211,700 from Beginning Nonlapsing Funds; and (\$61,700) from Closing Nonlapsing Funds.



Should additional funding be allocated to the Higher Education Subcommittee, the Analyst would recommend the following items:

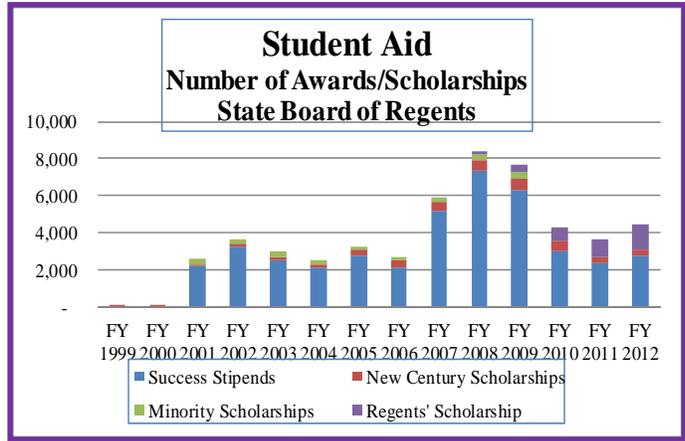
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| 1. Regents' Scholarship Funding | \$500,000 |
| 2. Success Stipend | \$2,000,000 |

The Governor's FY 2014 budget does not include any increases for this line item.

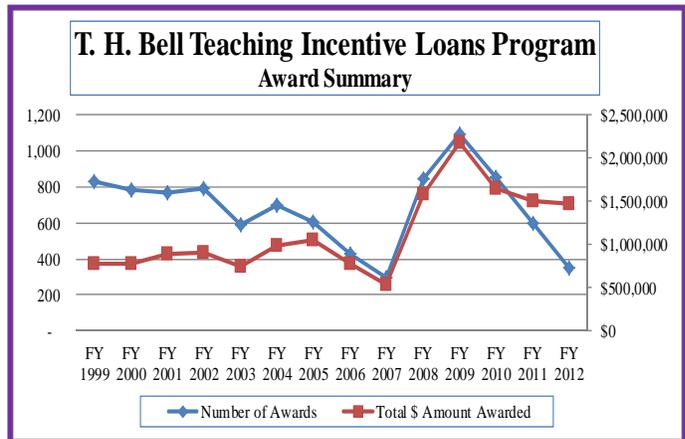
ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

The State Board of Regents' Student Assistance performance indicators include the number of scholarships and financial awards granted to assist students finance their education.

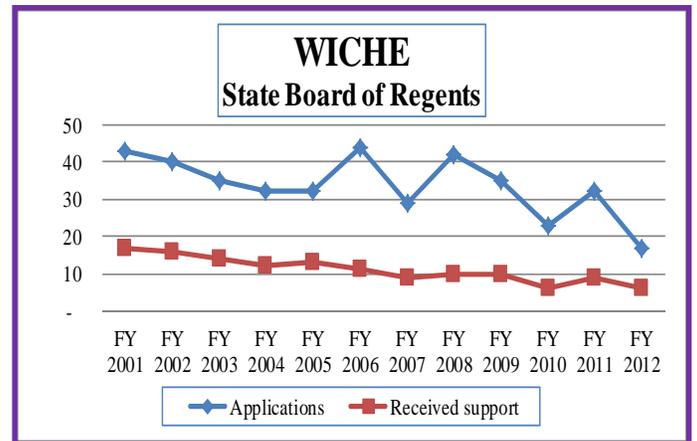
As the cost of post-secondary education has increased, the Legislature has made efforts to provide additional financial opportunities. The figure shows the growth in the number of scholarships and awards from UCOPE, New Century, and Minority Scholarships over the past decade. The significant increase in 2007, 2008, and 2009 reflects the larger number of awards that were given because of the increase in both ongoing and one-time funding for student aid.



Incentive loans are available to education students who teach in the State for a given number of years. The number of awards increased significantly from 2007 to 2009, but has dropped off the past few years.



Utah students participating in the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) may enroll in certain out-of-state professional programs at a reduced tuition rate. These programs include veterinary medicine, podiatry, and optometry. The figure to the right shows the number of student applications to the program and the number of students who have received support under this program.



BUDGET DETAIL

Base Budget: The total FY 2013 appropriated budget for the State Board of Regents Student Assistance line item was \$13,974,400, with \$7,449,300 from the General Fund and \$6,458,200 from the Education Fund (including a one-time appropriation of \$750,000 from the Education Fund).

To the FY 2013 ongoing appropriation, a change in the level of nonlapsing balances in the amount of \$83,100 is added, resulting in an estimated FY 2013 base of \$14,057,500.

Intent Language: The Legislature did not approve any intent language for the State Board of Regents for FY 2013.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee adopt a base budget for the Student Assistance line item in the amount of \$13,307,500.

The Analyst also recommends that the Subcommittee develop a prioritization list of items for additional funding for FY 2014 and FY 2013 (Supplemental).

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

State Board of Regents - Student Assistance						
Sources of Finance	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2013 Revised	Changes	FY 2014* Recommended
General Fund	6,485,400	7,449,300	0	7,449,300	0	7,449,300
Education Fund	5,705,200	5,708,200	0	5,708,200	0	5,708,200
Education Fund, One-time	0	750,000	0	750,000	(750,000)	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	1,700	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers - HED	100,000	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	155,900	155,900	55,800	211,700	0	211,700
Closing Nonlapsing	(211,700)	(89,000)	27,300	(61,700)	0	(61,700)
Total	\$12,236,500	\$13,974,400	\$83,100	\$14,057,500	(\$750,000)	\$13,307,500
Programs						
Regents' Scholarship	3,165,600	4,177,300	(200)	4,177,100	0	4,177,100
Student Financial Aid	3,252,800	3,252,800	0	3,252,800	0	3,252,800
Minority Scholarships	36,200	36,200	0	36,200	0	36,200
Tuition Assistance	36,200	0	0	0	0	0
New Century Scholarships	1,983,900	1,983,900	100,000	2,083,900	0	2,083,900
Success Stipend	1,391,200	2,141,200	0	2,141,200	(750,000)	1,391,200
Western Interstate Commission for H	892,900	905,300	(16,700)	888,600	0	888,600
T.H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Pr	1,477,700	1,477,700	0	1,477,700	0	1,477,700
Total	\$12,236,500	\$13,974,400	\$83,100	\$14,057,500	(\$750,000)	\$13,307,500
Categories of Expenditure						
Personnel Services	342,900	348,700	(25,500)	323,200	0	323,200
In-state Travel	2,200	0	0	0	0	0
Current Expense	898,700	914,300	84,000	998,300	0	998,300
Other Charges/Pass Thru	10,992,700	12,711,400	24,600	12,736,000	(750,000)	11,986,000
Total	\$12,236,500	\$13,974,400	\$83,100	\$14,057,500	(\$750,000)	\$13,307,500
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	4	4	(0)	3	0	3
Actual FTE	3	0	0	0	0	0

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