



USHE REALLOCATIONS – ENGINEERING INITIATIVE

HIGHER EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

The FY 2021 Base Budget is based on the ongoing FY 2020 appropriations. Included in the FY 2020 Appropriated budget was \$5 million approved for the Engineering Initiative, a matching fund which is utilized to meet the need for an increase in the number of engineers in the state of Utah. The funding was appropriated to the State Board of Regents Engineering Initiative line item. The Board distributed the funds, and now requests that the funding be moved permanently to the institutions in the amounts shown below. Note: the FY 2020 ongoing appropriation was from the Education Fund.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

During the 2019 General Session, the Legislature approved \$5 million, ongoing, for the Engineering Initiative. The Analyst recommends the following reallocations to distribute the appropriations to the institutions:

State Board of Regents – Economic Development –	
Engineering Initiative	(\$5,000,000)
University of Utah – Education and General	\$2,600,000
Utah State University – Education and General	\$785,000
Weber State University – Education and General	\$400,000
Southern Utah University – Education and General	\$60,000
Utah Valley University – Education and General	\$700,000
Snow College – Education and General	\$30,000
Dixie State University – Education and General	\$375,000
Salt Lake Community College – Education and General	\$50,000

