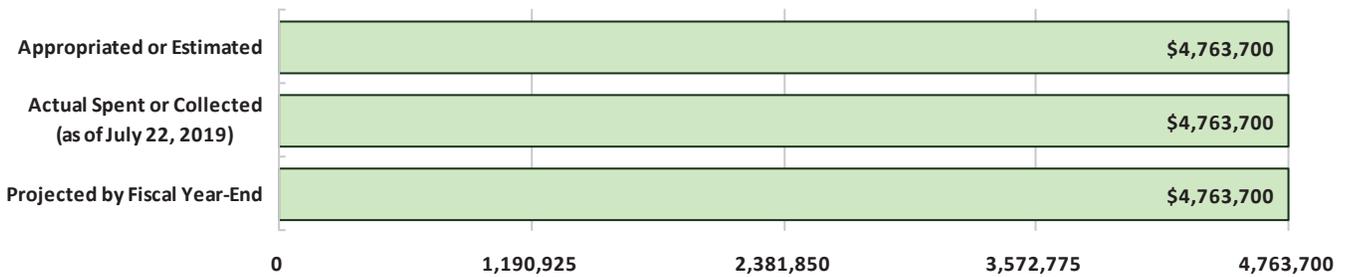


2018 G.S. Barriers to Completion

Analyst: Sean Faherty

Committee: HED



Explanation

The Legislature appropriated \$4,763,700 to address the issues that impact a student’s ability to matriculate through higher education. The programs supported by this appropriation included: mental health services, expansion of K-16 partnerships focused on college preparation, targeted financial aid to underserved populations and students with significant financial barriers, and, mentoring and programming for refugee students. Higher Education institutions also included a focus on improving the first-year student experience and streamlining general education courses to improve student retention and throughput.

Issue of Interest

The Board of Regents originally requested \$7,958,000 ongoing for programming that would support students and institutions in achieving better completion rates for groups including minority and first-generation students. For example, enrollment of Hispanic/Latino students in Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institutions has increased 231 percent in the past decade, however, overall college participation among Utah Hispanic/Latino high school students consistently lags the state average by approximately 20 percent. The college completion rate among ethnic minority students in Utah is approximately half that of white students.

Potential Action

We recommend that the Utah System of Higher Education report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2020 General Session on the expenditure and outcomes of these funds with respect to existing completion support programs operating within institutions. We also recommend that future distributions of funding by the Legislature to support completions be made using the Performance Funding Formula to incentivize schools to meet the metrics developed by the Board of Regents.

State Board of Regents Response

Supports

2018 G.S. First Star Foster Youth Academy

Analyst: Sean Faherty

Committee: HED



Explanation

The First Star Academy aims to improve the educational outcomes for youth in foster care. There are 13 academies across the United States and in Britain. In Utah, the academy is housed at the University of Utah. The program selects 30 kids currently in foster care — 15 each from eighth and ninth grades. The children must be in foster care to be selected, although once they have been accepted, they can remain in the program even if their foster care status changes. The Legislature appropriated \$225,000 one-time during the 2018 General Session to the Academy.

Issue of Interest

Nationally, youth in foster care are more likely to end up homeless, incarcerated, on welfare or as teenage parents (50 percent) than they are to graduate high school (47 percent). In Utah, only 25 out of the 250 youth aging out of the foster care system each year will attend college, and only one will graduate. First Star is a long-term college access program that aims to provide stability, academics, life skills, self-advocacy and support needed to successfully transition into higher education and self-sustaining adulthood. This funding is one-time and following its expenditure, the University will have to identify other sources of funding to support this program.

Potential Action

We recommend that the University of Utah report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the transition from one-time state funding for the program in FY 2019 and how the program will adjust in FY 2020 with its return to using donations, grants and other programmatic funds to operate. We also recommend that the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee reallocate any unspent funds.

State Board of Regents Response

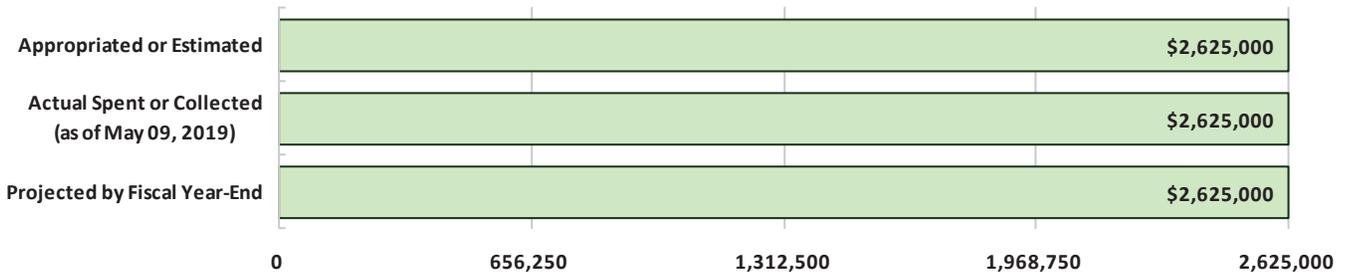
Supports

2018 G.S. S.B. 104 - Talent Development and Retention

Sponsor: Sen. Ann Millner

Analyst: Sean Faherty

Committee: HED



Explanation

With S.B. 104, "Talent Development and Retention," the Legislature intended to meet Utah's workforce needs by incentivizing students to pursue careers in high-demand fields and then stay in Utah and go to work at Utah companies. Under the provisions of the bill, every other year the Governor's Office of Economic Development will determine five high-demand, high-wage jobs and their associated degrees that will qualify for a loan forgiveness program. Students who declare their intent to pursue a qualifying degree may receive a loan to cover the cost of resident tuition, fees, and books. For each year that a recipient of the loan works in a qualifying job in Utah following their graduation, the Board of Regents will forgive one year of their loan.

Issue of Interest

The five qualifying jobs as determined by the Governor's Office of Economic Development in partnership with the Department of Workforce Services included software developers; management analysts; computer systems analysts; computer and information system managers; and network and computer systems administrators. According to data from the Department of Workforce Services from January 2018, there were 1,457 unfilled positions for software application developers and over 750 unfilled jobs for network and computer systems administrators. Total unfilled tech jobs, statewide, numbered 5,775 — up from 4,839 at that time in 2017.

Potential Action

We recommend that the State Board of Regents report annually to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the following measures related to this legislation: (1) Which jobs are currently identified as qualifying for loan repayment; (2) Annual expenditures on the program; and (3) Number of recipients and any change in their eligibility status to receive loan repayments.

State Board of Regents Response

Supports

Appendix B - Additional Reviewed Budget Items

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EOCJ	2018 G.S.	Notary, Certification, and Authentication Fees	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	Office Space Lease	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	Public Education Audits	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	S.B. 28 - Local Government and Limited Purpose Entity Registry	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	S.B. 74 - Voter Privacy Amendments	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	S.B. 81 - Children's Justice Center Program	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	S.J.R. 10 - Joint Resolution Dissolving Newton, Amalga, and Lewiston Justice Courts	Gary Syphus
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	S.J.R. 2 - Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Property Tax Exemptions	Alexander Wilson
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	Spark Point - Cottage of Hope	Gary Syphus
EOCJ	2018 G.S.	Voter Outreach	Alexander Wilson
HED	2018 G.S.	Dual Language Immersion Bridge Program	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	Faculty & Staff Equity Adjustments	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	Graduate Certificate in Rural Medicine	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	H.B. 327 - Rural Online Initiative	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	Online Competency-Based General Education Courses	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	Public Lands Research	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	Salt Lake Community College Teacher Education Initiative	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	Student Growth & Capacity	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	SWTech-SUU Liaison Positions	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	University of Utah School of Dentistry	Sean Faherty
HED	2018 G.S.	USTC Equipment	Sean Faherty
HED	2019 G.S.	Snow College Student Facility Project	Sean Faherty
IGG	2016 G.S.	Avalanche Control	Brian Wikle
IGG	2017 G.S.	CNG/Alternative Fuel Depot District	Brian Wikle
IGG	2017 G.S.	DFCM SBEEP Energy Program On-going Funding	Chase Loftis
IGG	2017 G.S.	Right of Way Property Inventory	Brian Wikle
IGG	2017 G.S.	Right of Way Surplus Land Descriptions	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons Parking Structure	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Davis Technical College Allied Health Building	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	DFCM Project Managers, Professional Estimator, and Data Specialist	Chase Loftis
IGG	2018 G.S.	Dixie State University Science Building	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	DTS Customer Experience Platform Expansion	Chase Loftis
IGG	2018 G.S.	Executive Branch Ethics Commission	Chase Loftis
IGG	2018 G.S.	H.B. 472 - Medicaid Expansion Revisions	Maddy Orritt
IGG	2018 G.S.	H.B. 475 - Dedicated Credits and Nonlapsing Authority Revisions	Chase Loftis
IGG	2018 G.S.	Incident Management Team Personnel and Equipment	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	John Wesley Powell Museum Green River	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Political Subdivisions Ethics Commission	Chase Loftis
IGG	2018 G.S.	S.B. 189 - Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Traffic Operations Center Personnel	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	University of Utah Medical Education and Discovery and Rehabilitation Hospital	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Utah State University Biological and Natural Resources Renovation	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Water System Improvements @ Utah State Developmental Center	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 G.S.	Weber State University Social Science Building Renovation	Brian Wikle
IGG	2018 S.3.	S.B. 3001 - Prison Construction Cash Funding	Brian Wikle

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NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Agriculture Sprinkler Conversion to Low Evaporative Type	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Air Quality FTE: Stack Test Auditor	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Air Quality FTE: Technical Analysis Scientist	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Air Quality: Science for Solutions	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Air Quality: State Implementation Planning (SIP)	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Algal Blooms Response Funding	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Bear Lake Recreation Improvements	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Catastrophic Wildfire Reduction Strategy	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Equipment for Phragmites removal on Utah Lake	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Federal Funds Adjustments - Department of Environmental Quality	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Federal Funds Adjustments - Office of Energy Development	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	H.B. 169 - Commercial Waste Fee Amendments	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	H.B. 303 - Drinking Water Source Sizing Requirements	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	H.B. 373 - Waste Management Amendments	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	H.B. 381 - Staff Support - Agricultural Water Optimization Fund	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Horse Racing Commission	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Legal Defense (Myton and Duchesne)	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Local Health Department Supplement	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Mobile Monitoring Data Collection	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	PLPCO - NGO - Funding	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Water Quality Research on Utah Lake	Tim Dinehart
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Water Resources - Dam Safety Upgrades	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI)	Ivan Djambov
NRAEQ	2018 G.S.	Wild Horses and Burros Management	Ivan Djambov
PED	2018 G.S.	Assessment to Achievement Project	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	DAM (Mothers Against Dyslexia)	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Digital Teaching and Learning Funds for Expansion	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Dual Language Immersion Expansion	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Early Intervention Reading Analytical Software	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Enhancement for At-Risk Students	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Fine Arts Outreach (POPS)	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Funding Increase for Public Education	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Gang Prevention and Intervention Programs in Schools	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	H.B. 293 - Education Property Tax Changes - Tax Rebalancing	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	H.B. 317 - Special Education Amendments	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	H.B. 408 - ULEAD	Emily Willis
PED	2018 G.S.	Habitat Investigations - iSEE Provider	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	iSEE Student Outreach Expansion	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Opioid Crisis Education Curriculum	Emily Willis
PED	2018 G.S.	S.B. 117 - Dual Language Immersion Proficiency Test	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	S.B. 232 - School Transportation Amendments	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	STEM Lab Pilot	Emily Willis
PED	2018 G.S.	University of Utah Reading Clinic Distance Lab - UURC Distance Lab	Sean Faherty
PED	2018 G.S.	UPSTART	Emily Willis

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PED	2018 G.S.	Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition	Ben Leishman
PED	2018 G.S.	Utah State Instructional Materials Access Center (USIMAC) Expansion	Emily Willis
SS	2015 G.S.	Adult Protective Services Caseworkers	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2016 G.S.	Crisis Nurseries TANF Funding	Maddy Orritt
SS	2016 G.S.	TANF Funding Authorization for Workforce Services related to HB 436, Homeless Initiative	Maddy Orritt
SS	2016 G.S.	Utah Foster Care Foundation	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2017 G.S.	Foster Families of Utah	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2017 G.S.	Substance Abuse Treatment Grant	Maddy Orritt
SS	2017 G.S.	TANF for Domestic Violence Shelters	Maddy Orritt
SS	2017 G.S.	TANF for Sexual Violence Prevention and Medical Care for Victims	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	Additional Savings from Mental Health Preferred Drug List - Savings	Russell Frandsen
SS	2018 G.S.	Best Buddies - Utah School Inclusion Project	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Carbon County Opioid Plan: Drug Addiction Staff	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Carbon County Opioid Plan: Medication Assisted Treatment	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Carbon County Opioid Plan: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Staff	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Children in Family Treatment Programs	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Children's Service Society	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Continuation of the Medication Assisted Treatment	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Disabilities Direct Care Staff Salary Increase - Phase IV	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Disability Services: Additional Needs and Youth Aging Out	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Disability Services: Waiting List	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Domestic Violence - Essential Victim Services Funding	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Donations from Special License Plate	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	H.B. 308 - Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	H.B. 380 - Utah School Readiness Initiative Amendments	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	H.B. 41 - Mental Health Crisis Line Amendments	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	H.B. 462 - Homeless Services Amendments	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	H.B. 80 - Child Placement Amendments	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Hildale Family Resource Facilitators	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Homeless Health and Wellness Program	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	Increase in Medicaid Administrative Seed Money	Russell Frandsen
SS	2018 G.S.	Medicaid Caseload, Inflation and Program Changes (Consensus) - FY 2018	Russell Frandsen
SS	2018 G.S.	Medical Examiner Reduce Caseloads	Russell Frandsen
SS	2018 G.S.	Medical Interpreting Education and Accountability Program	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	Nutrition for Elderly (Meals on Wheels)	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	Psychiatric Technician Wages at the Utah State Hospital	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	S.B. 235 - Homeless Shelter Funding Amendments	Thomas Young
SS	2018 G.S.	S.B. 241 - Medical Benefits Recovery Amendments	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	S.B. 54 - Marriage and Premarital Counseling and Education Amendments	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	The Children's Center	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2018 G.S.	The Inn Between	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	The Switchpoint Community Homeless Resource Center	Maddy Orritt
SS	2018 G.S.	Transition Program - In	Clare Tobin Lence
SS	2019 G.S.	S.B. 96 - Medicaid Expansion Adjustments	Russell Frandsen

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