

Higher Education

Appropriations Subcommittee

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MTECH – Budget Principles

With a mission to enhance the employability of individuals through market-driven career and technical education, MTECH:

- **Operates one of the most efficient colleges in the most efficient system of technical schools in the country**
- **Requests funds each year to support programs for high-wage, high-demand careers**
- **Incorporated regional, enrollment, and program growth in our 2021 request**
(e.g., instruction and equipment needs for Provo & the Trades/Technology building)
- **Projected at least 10% growth in '20/'21, on top of 13.5% in '19/'20**



MTECH Will Support Utah's Economic Recovery

UTAH LEADS TOGETHER III

Utah's plan for a health and economic recovery

EDUCATION – TIME TO RETURN TO SCHOOL



The Economic Response Task Force recognizes that the ultimate solution to the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19 is to safely restore a sense of normalcy to economic and social life in Utah. This is Utah's plan and it begins with public and higher education where hundreds of thousands of students develop life-sustaining knowledge and skills. The state has plans to physically bring students in kindergarten through post-secondary education safely back to school in fall 2020.

EDUCATION

Training-Ready Investments

Rapid reskilling and upskilling of in-demand skills

Proposal: Make a strategic investment in rapid reskilling and upskilling of training-ready programs. These short-term, job-focused investments will enable Utahns to work and compete in a changing economy.

Considerations:

- Funds should be spent in the next 24 months (FY 2021 and FY 2022)
- Funds should be spent in three categories:
 - **Certificates** – Non-degree certificate programs ranging from six to 30 weeks that build knowledge and skill in areas such as data analytics and applications, systems operations, cybersecurity, technology tools for education and business, project management, and health care fields.
 - **One-year graduate programs** – Degrees that support Utah industries such as software development, information systems, finance, security operations, and educational technology.
 - **Technical Education** – Short-term credentials in high demand technical areas, such as skilled trades (welding, electrician, and others), allied health (certified nursing



Budget Cut Implications

2 percent

\$305,700

Considerations:

**Capped Enrollment
Travel
Faculty/Staff Training
Outreach/Marketing
Adjunct Faculty**

5 percent

\$764,400

Considerations:

**Capped Enrollment
Travel
Faculty/Staff Training
Outreach/Marketing
Adjunct Faculty
Student Services
Program Sections**

10 percent

\$1,528,700

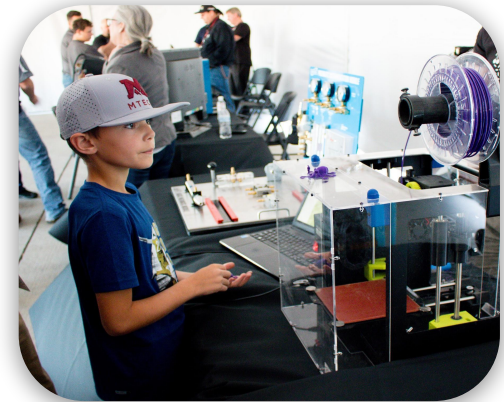
Considerations:

**Enrollment Reductions
Travel
Faculty/Staff Training
Outreach/Marketing
Adjunct Faculty
Student Services
Program Sections
Staff Support
Faculty & Administration**



MTECH Requests Consideration for:

- **Technical College Programs, that:**
 - Support 'Utah Leads Together' Plan
 - Uniquely lead economic recovery
- **Flexibility to Administer Cuts, because:**
 - Each school is different
 - A return to base-budget already impacts program expansion



**On Behalf of 5,000 students and 450 staff
and faculty members across three
counties,**

Thank you for your support!



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