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 Requires each public postsecondary education institution to create a policy discussion program on campus

Proposed legislation requires each public post-secondary institution to create an intellectual diversity program on campus for the purpose of staging debates, group forums, and individual lectures from multiple, divergent and opposing perspectives on an extensive range of issues. These events shall be known as public policy events. Requires the institution to maintain a searchable calendar of events, and to the extent funding is available to provide transportation and lodging to speakers and publish a video of each event on the institution's website, accessible for not less than five years.

Effective August 1, 2020

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be increased expenditures in SGF and SGR for some institutions to implement and maintain public policy events. Some institutions report such events currently take place on their campus, although not all requirements of the bill are being met. Costs will vary depending upon the actual number of events held, the type of speaker, and the existing available resources of the institutions.

Organizing, publicizing, and staging events could likely be completed with existing resources for some institutions; others have indicated it would require additional staff to coordinate and maintain the schedule, provide public notice and advertisement, secure facilities and other speaking venues, and ensure events are recorded in a searchable database. Speaker fees will vary depending upon the number of events, the number of speakers, and the prominence of the speakers, with estimates ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Providing transportation and lodging to certain speakers and maintaining archived videos would result in increased costs, although this is subject to funding availability.

To illustrate potential costs; there are 15 public four year universities, if all 15 held 5 events per year at a minimum cost of \$5,000 each (including speaker fees, advertisement, and venue costs), annual costs would equal \$375,000. If just three of those institutions hired a full time staff member at \$50,000 plus related benefits (\$20,000) the increase would be \$210,000; a total of \$585,000.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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