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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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 Constitutional amendment to authorize the postsecondary education management boards to establish tuition and fee amounts charged by institutions under their supervision and management. (2/3-CA13sl(A))
 Proposed constitutional amendment provides that each constitutionally created postsecondary education management board shall have the authority to establish the tuition and fee amounts charged by institutions under their supervision and management, without legislative approval.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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						
REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

State general fund expenditures for TOPS awards will increase if tuition and mandatory fees increase as anticipated per the proposed Constitutional amendment. As stated in the Revenue Explanation below, there is no way to estimate the actual amount of increases in tuition/fees attributable to the proposed Constitutional amendment, or the corresponding increase in expenditures for TOPS awards. However, as stated in the Revenue Explanation below, a 1% increase in tuition would generate approximately \$9.8M in additional revenues; before reductions for hardship waivers, fee exemptions or other forms of student aid. It would only take a 1.02% tuition increase to be covered by TOPS to meet the \$100,000 Fiscal Note dual referral requirement for House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees (\$9.8M X 1.02% = \$100,000).

The proposed constitutional amendment will be considered by voters at the statewide election to be held on October 24, 2015. The Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot printing costs associated with this measure. However, as a regular practice, the Secretary of State typically budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Self-generated revenues from tuition and mandatory fees will likely increase to the extent that management boards approve increases as authorized by the proposed Constitutional amendment. However, public colleges and universities face market factors that affect their ability to raise tuition per authority granted by the proposed Constitutional amendment. Some institutions have seen enrollment declines as tuition goes up, decreasing overall revenues from students. Other institutions may choose not to impose significant increases in order to maintain access for low-income students. Actual collections of tuition and mandatory fees may also be reduced by hardship waivers, fee exemptions or other forms of student aid.

According to the Board or Regents, each of the following types of public institutions in the state had the following average annual tuition amounts in FY15: 2-year schools (\$3,425), 4-year schools (\$6,900), and graduate programs (\$7,500). Regents also reported the following number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attended the following types of public institution in the state in FY14 (latest information currently available): 2-year schools (47,520 students), 4-year schools (101,715 students), and graduate programs (15,810 students). Using these average tuition amounts and FTE counts, a 1% increase in tuition would generate approximately \$9.8M in additional revenues; before reductions for hardship waivers, fee exemptions or other forms of student aid. This estimate is to illustrate the general magnitude of potential tuition/fee increases. However, there is no way to estimate the actual amount of increases in tuition/fees attributable to the proposed Constitutional amendment.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S} |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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