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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2343

As Recommended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2343 defers the third year of the four-year phase out of out-district tuition paid to community colleges and Washburn University from FY 2004 to FY 2005. Under the bill, out-district tuition charges would not be fully eliminated until FY 2006.

Background

Currently, when a student who is a resident of a county that does not have a community college or municipal university attends one of those institutions, the home county is required to pay out-district tuition to that institution. The Higher Education Coordination Act (1999 SB 345) eliminated this out-district charge over a four-year period beginning in FY 2001, with the state providing replacement funds to cover the revenue lost by the institution. This increases state expenditures by \$2.7 million per year for each year of the phase out. Due to fiscal restraints, the Governor's budget recommendations for FY 2004 do not include the increased funding to implement the third year of the Higher Education Coordination Act. The House Appropriations Committee recommended the introduction of HB 2343 to prevent a further revenue loss to community colleges or the municipal university.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org/klrd>