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Minnesota Office of Higher Education

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AT A GLANCE

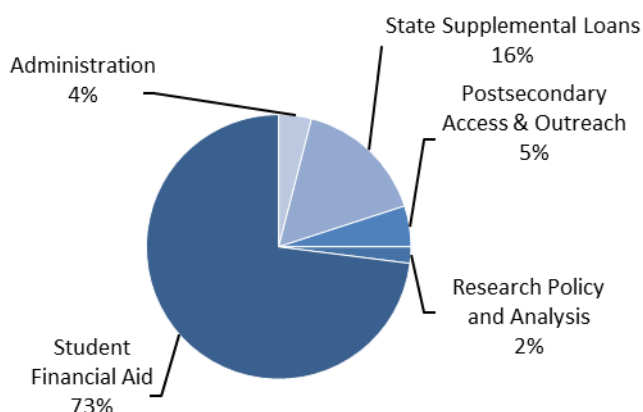
- OHE's 69 full-time employees efficiently and effectively administers 25 financial aid and grant programs, manage low-interest rate in-school student loan and refinance programs, provide consumer protection by licensing and registering postsecondary institutions, and run numerous outreach and access programs – all contributing to the agency's goal of supporting the pursuit and completion of a higher education credential by every Minnesotan.
- Minnesota State Grant program, the largest of OHE's student financial aid programs, provided need-based financial aid to 71,889 students and awarded \$201M in FY2021.
- SELF Loan Program disbursed \$53.4M in low interest loans to 5,920 low-income students in FY2021.
- Protects consumers by registering and licensing 190 post-secondary institutions in Minnesota.
- Minnesota Indian Scholarship served 761 students and awarded \$2.59M in FY21
- Published original research on postsecondary education, state student financial aid programs, student financing issues, retention, and completion.
- The Get Ready program is a college readiness program, funded by a federal grant of \$4.48M/year, and providing resources and college attainment education to low-income middle and high school students.
- Minnesota 529 College Savings Plan supports 80,397 active accounts 45,405 account holders, and \$1.8B in assets.

PURPOSE

The mission of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) is to support the pursuit and completion of a higher education credential by every Minnesotan, regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic status, in order to enhance our democracy, the state's economic vitality, and individual quality of life. Our goals are to make postsecondary education accessible and affordable to all Minnesotans and foster best practices to ensure completion. Our financial aid programs serve low- to moderate-income people. Our outreach programs target populations that are historically underrepresented in postsecondary education. We work closely with the legislature, postsecondary institutions, foundations, and the federal government.

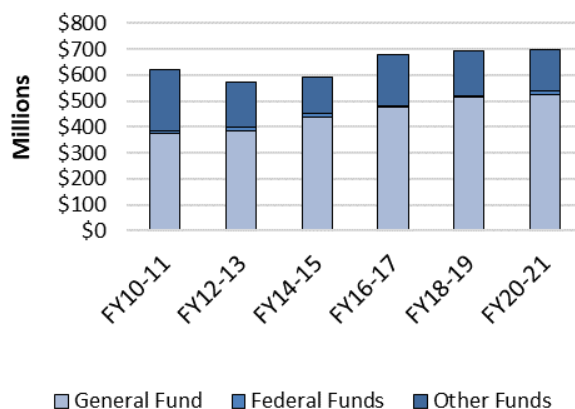
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement
 "Other Funds" includes the Office of Higher Education Loan Capital fund and Special Revenue Funds.

STRATEGIES

- **Financial aid administration:** OHE administers numerous financial aid programs, including the State Grant, Child Care Grants, Work Study, American Indian Scholarships, Occupational Scholarships, Dual Training, and the SELF Loan Program. We work closely with approved postsecondary institutions to manage and disburse funds to students, which allow them to enroll, persist, and complete postsecondary education.
- **Policy and research activities:** We conduct original, independent research to provide lawmakers, educators, community stakeholders, and other policy leaders with objective information about postsecondary enrollment, attainment, finance, and accountability. We provide leadership and staffing for the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDs) and facilitate sustainability of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Education Data System (ECLS), which leverages data from birth/early childhood, K-12 education, postsecondary education, workforce training and employment. SLEDs and ECLS provide data to inform early care, education and workforce policy and practice in Minnesota.
- **Consumer protection:** We register or license approximately 190 private and 80 exempt non-profit and for-profit postsecondary institutions and oversee 62 institutions participating in state authorization reciprocity. In 2021, we began a database and electronic application modernization project that includes automation of renewal notifications, outstanding application material notifications, and monitoring requirements. In 2020, we passed new statutory authority to monitor institutions for financial and administrative risk to students (poor program outcomes, closure, etc). OHE is working to develop new processes and measures with stakeholders to carry out this initiative.
- **Minnesota 529 College Savings Plan:** We work closely with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) to administer a program allowing families to save for future postsecondary education expenses in tax-advantaged accounts.
- **Get Ready:** Get Ready is a college and career preparation program funded by the GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant through the U.S. Department of Education. The program is funded for \$4.48M/year up to seven years. The state of Minnesota continues to experience racial inequities in the areas of postsecondary enrollment, retention, and completion. While college aspirations are high (over 90% across grade levels) amongst students of color, program data shows that lower rates of academic preparedness, academic tenacity, college knowledge, and a perceived lack of affordability are significant barriers to postsecondary enrollment and completion. Through evidence-based postsecondary readiness interventions, Get Ready is working to eliminate these inequities by equipping schools, students, and families with the necessary information, skills, tools, and strategies to drive better outcomes. Get Ready is also committed to bridging partnerships between community organizations, colleges and the workforce to ensure sustainability for postsecondary readiness services after the GEAR UP grant expires.

M.S.136A (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=136A>) provides legal authority for OHE's student financial aid services.

M.S. 136G.01-136G.14 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/136G>) provides legal authority for the Minnesota College Savings Plan.

M.S. 136A.61 – 82 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/136A.821>) provides legal authority for OHE's licensing and registration services.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	257,996	269,386	260,247	298,746	267,607	267,607	329,002	427,942
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	1,242	1,093	2,712	1,790	1,589	1,341	1,589	1,341
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue	8,012	8,578	8,015	13,034	5,760	5,760	13,580	10,192
2403 - Gift				3				
3000 - Federal	3,995	9,078	7,557	7,146	5,332	5,822	5,332	5,822
3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery			8,679	30,721				
8300 - Office Of Higher Education	74,172	64,638	73,632	102,129	102,453	102,537	102,453	102,537
Total	345,417	352,772	360,841	453,569	382,741	383,067	451,956	547,834
Biennial Change				116,221		(48,602)		185,380
Biennial % Change				17		(6)		23
Enacted Budget Change from Base								233,982
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								31

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In	330	11,246		7,121				
Direct Appropriation	269,133	268,883	271,702	296,714	272,696	272,696	341,411	436,963
Transfers In	2,365	670	1,375	625	625	625	1,625	1,625
Transfers Out	7,750	6,783	5,707	5,714	5,714	5,714	14,034	10,646
Cancellations	53	4,629						
Balance Forward Out	6,029		7,123					
Expenditures	257,996	269,386	260,247	298,746	267,607	267,607	329,002	427,942
Biennial Change in Expenditures				31,611		(23,779)		197,951
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				6		(4)		35
Enacted Budget Change from Base								221,730
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								41

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	2,207	2,520	2,447	2,049	1,256	733	1,256	733
Receipts	1,519	945	2,324	1,010	1,079	1,079	1,079	1,079
Internal Billing Receipts	316	152	346	300	300	300	300	300
Transfers Out			11	13	13	13	13	13
Balance Forward Out	2,484	2,372	2,049	1,256	733	458	733	458
Expenditures	1,242	1,093	2,712	1,790	1,589	1,341	1,589	1,341
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2,167		(1,572)		(1,572)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				93		(35)		(35)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	7,151	7,884	10,060	7,824	440	330	440	330
Receipts	206	391	129					
Transfers In	5,846	5,846	5,846	5,846	5,846	5,846	13,691	10,303
Transfers Out	196	196	196	196	196	196	221	221
Balance Forward Out	4,994	5,347	7,824	440	330	220	330	220
Expenditures	8,012	8,578	8,015	13,034	5,760	5,760	13,580	10,192
Biennial Change in Expenditures				4,459		(9,529)		2,723
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				27		(45)		13

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
Enacted Budget Change from Base								12,252
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								106

2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	3	3	3	3				
Balance Forward Out	3	3	3					
Expenditures				3				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		(3)		(3)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

3000 - Federal

Balance Forward In	0	1	3	4				
Receipts	3,994	9,078	7,558	7,142	5,332	5,822	5,332	5,822
Balance Forward Out		1	4					
Expenditures	3,995	9,078	7,557	7,146	5,332	5,822	5,332	5,822
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,630		(3,549)		(3,549)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		(24)		(24)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								0

3015 - ARP-State Fiscal Recovery

Balance Forward In			1,125	30,721				
Direct Appropriation		1,125	39,775					
Cancellations			1,500					
Balance Forward Out		1,125	30,721					
Expenditures			8,679	30,721				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				39,400		(39,400)		(39,400)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
8300 - Office Of Higher Education								
Balance Forward In	130,192	189,839	207,788	250,293	248,774	246,931	248,774	246,931
Receipts	133,152	81,143	116,182	100,660	100,660	100,660	100,660	100,660
Transfers In	3,000							
Transfers Out	3,023	21	45	50	50	50	50	50
Balance Forward Out	189,150	206,323	250,293	248,774	246,931	245,004	246,931	245,004
Expenditures	74,172	64,638	73,632	102,129	102,453	102,537	102,453	102,537
Biennial Change in Expenditures			36,951		29,229		29,229	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures			27		17		17	
Enacted Budget Change from Base							0	
Enacted Budget % Change from Base							0	

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	296,714	296,714	296,714	593,428
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(23,945)	(23,945)	(47,890)
Current Law Base Change		(250)	(250)	(500)
Biennial Appropriations		177	177	354
Forecast Base	296,714	272,696	272,696	545,392
Change Items				
Minnesota State Grant Simplification and Federal Conformity		12,700	5,029	17,729
Increase Living and Miscellaneous Expense for Minnesota State Grant		12,007	9,101	21,108
Maintain Current Service Levels		1,994	2,220	4,214
Maintaining Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System & Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System		768	768	1,536
Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance Program		3,000	3,000	6,000
Student Parent Support Initiative		3,000	3,000	6,000
Director of Tribal Relations		134	143	277
Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students		3,260	3,260	6,520
Direct Admissions Minnesota		575	575	1,150
Underrepresented Student Teacher Grants Increase		800	800	1,600
Grants to Student Teachers in Shortage Areas Increase		800	800	1,600
Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program Increase		800	800	1,600
Next Generation Nursing Assistant Training Program		3,000		3,000
Minnesota American Indian Scholars Program		8,500	8,500	17,000
Sustaining and Expanding Intervention for College Attendance Program		800		800
Loan Repayment Assistant Program		30	30	60
Higher Education Public Service Grants Feasibility Study		75		75
Minitex Online Library Health and Nursing Resources		650	700	1,350
Legalizing Adult-Use Cannabis		1,000	1,000	2,000
Dual Training Grants		6,020	2,632	8,652
Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center		1,000	1,000	2,000
North Star Promise		496	117,428	117,924
Hunger Free Campus Grants		1,398	898	2,296
Student Basic Needs Working Group		44		44
Minnesota Independence College and Community		1,000	1,000	2,000
MN State Course Placement Practices Report		250		250
Paramedic Scholarships		3,200		3,200
Fostering Independence Grants and Wraparound Services		986	1,155	2,141
Addiction Medicine Fellowship		270	270	540
Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement		158	158	316
Total Enacted Budget	296,714	341,411	436,963	778,374

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	1,790	1,589	1,341	2,930
Forecast Base	1,790	1,589	1,341	2,930
Total Enacted Budget	1,790	1,589	1,341	2,930
Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	13,034	5,760	5,760	11,520
Forecast Base	13,034	5,760	5,760	11,520
Change Items				
Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program Increase		800	800	1,600
Legalizing Adult-Use Cannabis		1,000	1,000	2,000
Dual Training Grants		6,020	2,632	8,652
Total Enacted Budget	13,034	13,580	10,192	23,772
Fund: 2403 - Gift				
Planned Spending	3			
Forecast Base	3			
Total Enacted Budget	3			
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Planned Spending	7,146	5,332	5,822	11,154
Forecast Base	7,146	5,332	5,822	11,154
Total Enacted Budget	7,146	5,332	5,822	11,154
Fund: 8300 - Office Of Higher Education				
Planned Spending	102,129	102,453	102,537	204,990
Forecast Base	102,129	102,453	102,537	204,990
Total Enacted Budget	102,129	102,453	102,537	204,990
<i>Revenue Change Summary</i>				
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	1,010	1,079	1,079	2,158
Total Enacted Budget	1,010	1,079	1,079	2,158
Fund: 3000 - Federal				
Forecast Revenues	7,142	5,332	5,822	11,154

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Total Enacted Budget	7,142	5,332	5,822	11,154
Fund: 8300 - Office Of Higher Education				
Forecast Revenues	100,660	100,660	100,660	201,320
Total Enacted Budget	100,660	100,660	100,660	201,320
<i>Non-Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	12,772	6,656	7,453	14,109
Total Enacted Budget	12,772	6,656	7,453	14,109

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Minnesota State Grant Simplification and Federal Conformity

This provision provides additional funding to conform the State Grant program with changes to the federal needs analysis and Pell Grant calculation passed by Congress in December 2021 and are currently scheduled to be implemented for the 2024-2025 aid year (July 1, 2024, fiscal year 2025). These changes will have a significant impact on State Grant administration and spending. The changes impact two key areas – the calculation of the student and family contributions or EFC, and the calculation of and eligibility for the Pell Grant award. The Office of Higher Education and Minnesota’s colleges and universities will begin developing and implementing changes to eligibility, awarding, software, and related processes prior to the 2024 legislative session.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	12,700	5,029	17,729	5,029	5,029	10,058
Transfers In	0	500	500	1,000	250	250	500
Transfers Out	0	500	500	1,000	250	250	500
Expenditures	0	12,700	5,029	17,729	5,029	5,029	10,058

Increase Living and Miscellaneous Expense for Minnesota State Grant

This provision increases the State Grant Living and Miscellaneous Expense award for students who receive a State Grant. This would increase the value in state statute for the Living and Miscellaneous Expense Allowance used to calculate a student’s State Grant budget to 115% of the federal poverty guideline (currently set at 109%). This ensures continued affordability of Minnesota’s postsecondary education system, particularly for low wage working adults and middle-income families, and helps to ensure a strong foundation of skilled workers supporting the infrastructure of Minnesota’s economy.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	12,007	9,101	21,108	10,000	10,000	20,000
Expenditures	0	12,007	9,101	21,108	10,000	10,000	20,000

Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Office of Higher Education.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,994	2,220	4,214	1,592	1,592	3,184
Expenditures	0	1,994	2,220	4,214	1,592	1,592	3,184

Maintaining Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System & Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System

This provision increases funding to maintain and build upon the solid base of research, analysis and reporting done through the Minnesota’s Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDs) and Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS). Funds are to be used to increase staffing, employee development, and local training and outreach.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	768	768	1,536	768	768	1,536
Expenditures	0	768	768	1,536	768	768	1,536

Tribal College Supplemental Grant Assistance Program

This provision increases the support for Minnesota Tribal Colleges by expanding the program to recognize the postsecondary education provided by Minnesota Tribal Colleges for all Minnesota Resident degree-seeking undergraduate students. The provision also seeks to align the funding for Minnesota Tribal Colleges with the state’s support with other public institutions in Minnesota.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	6,000
Expenditures	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	6,000

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Student Parent Support Initiative

This provision establishes a competitive grant program administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE), in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), to support entities and institutions that assist pregnant women or parents of young children. Eligible colleges and universities may apply for funds to develop and implement services and programs that will support the unique needs of parenting students, such as navigation and advising services, financial aid, parenting and child development educational opportunities, emergency funds, food and transportation support, as well as family friendly activities and well-child visits.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	6,000
Expenditures	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	6,000

Director of Tribal Relations

The provision funds a Director of Tribal Relations at the Office of Higher Education. This position will oversee, direct and lead all Agency's programs and activities related to tribal relations, public engagement, and equal opportunity to further the agency's mission and the Educational Attainment Goal. The position will provide expert advice and policy direction to senior leadership on issues affecting Minnesota Tribal Nations and the American Indian community in Minnesota. As the Tribal Liaison, they will serve as the chief liaison and principal point of contact between OHE and Minnesota's 11 Federally Recognized American Tribes as outlined in MS 10.65 subd. 3 and the Tribal Nations Education Committee as outlined in MS 136A.032.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	134	143	277	143	143	286
Expenditures	0	134	143	277	143	143	286

Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students

This provision expands the Emergency Assistance for Postsecondary Students Grant Program (EAPS), which provides funding to colleges and universities in Minnesota to administer emergency grants to students experiencing unforeseen financial emergencies. The additional funding will allow more institutions to be awarded and the Office of Higher Education to increase the maximum award in order to better meet applicant needs. Grants of up to \$1,500 may be used for housing, utilities, food/groceries, transportation, and other emergency needs. With the expansion, eligible colleges and universities may apply for up to \$90,000 to allocate to students experiencing the impacts of poverty. Eligible institutions include public, private, and tribal colleges and universities in Minnesota.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	3,260	3,260	6,520	3,260	3,260	6,520
Expenditures	0	3,260	3,260	6,520	3,260	3,260	6,520

Direct Admissions Minnesota

Direct Admissions Minnesota was a new initiative funded in the 2021 legislative session with services beginning during the 2022-2023 academic year. Direct Admissions Minnesota is a partnership project between K-12 schools, districts, and Minnesota colleges to create a proactive admissions process for Minnesota public high school students entering their senior year seeking to enroll in postsecondary education. This additional funding each year will support the ongoing program and provide reimbursements to high schools for the modest technology and staffing costs incurred.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	575	575	1,150	575	575	1,150
Expenditures	0	575	575	1,150	575	575	1,150

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Underrepresented Student Teacher Grants Increase

This provision increases funding for the Underrepresented Student Teacher Grants program to increase the number of student teachers who can benefit from the program. The Grants to Underrepresented Student Teachers program provides postsecondary financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in Minnesota teacher preparation programs. Awarded students receive grants during one term in which the student is completing a required 12-week or more student teaching experience for a Tier 3 or higher teaching license. The program's intent to encourage individuals who belong to a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the Minnesota teacher workforce, to become teachers.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0

Grants to Student Teachers in Shortage Areas Increase

This provision would increase funding for the Grants to Student Teachers in Shortage Areas program, which provides postsecondary financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in Minnesota teacher preparation programs. Awarded students receive grants during one term in which the student is completing a required 12-week or more student teaching experience. The program's intent is to encourage individuals to become teachers in designated license field and geographical shortage areas in Minnesota.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0

Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program Increase

This provision increases funding for the Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program for the 2024-2025 biennium, to increase the number of teachers who can benefit from the program. The program provides student loan debt relief, in the form of repayment awards, to eligible teachers for up to \$1,000. Eligible teachers may receive up to 5 annual awards or a total of up to \$5,000.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0

2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	800	800	1,600	0	0	0

Next Generation Nursing Assistant Training Program

This provision will provide funding to the Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence to educate and train Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) across the state. Specifically, the HealthForce Center of Excellence will utilize the funds to cover the costs necessary for individuals to be trained and certified as CNAs at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, private training providers, and Minnesota high schools. This funding will build upon the existing work being conducted by HealthForce which was funded with American Rescue Plan and state COVID-19 response funding. Funding will be used to pay for all costs associated with training, certification, lab equipment upgrades, outreach, marketing, and administrative expenses for Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Minnesota American Indian Scholars Program

This provision will ensure all Minnesota Residents who are enrolled members or citizens of any federally recognized American Indian or Canadian First Nation tribe, and all enrolled members or citizens of a Minnesota Tribal Nation, regardless of resident tuition status, would receive a tuition and fee waiver under the Minnesota American Indian Scholars Program. Funds could also be used to provide student supports for eligible students and administer the program.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	8,500	8,500	17,000	8,500	8,500	17,000
Expenditures	0	8,500	8,500	17,000	8,500	8,500	17,000

Sustaining and Expanding Intervention for College Attendance Program

This provision provides onetime funding for the Intervention for College Attendance Program. This one-time appropriation increase will be used to 1) sustain ARP-funded ICAP projects for an additional year, and 2) catalyze funding for services that connect formerly incarcerated students to college preparation and navigation services.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	800	0	800	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	800	0	800	0	0	0

Loan Repayment Assistant Program

This provision increases funding for the Loan Repayment Assistant Program (LRAP), which will provide more loan repayment assistance and help mitigate a startling trend emerging in their recipient population. LRAP sustains the work of nearly 50 attorneys providing legal representation and advice to about 10,000 underrepresented, low-income Minnesotans each year. Without LRAP attorneys, thousands of people would receive little, if any help, with essential needs like food, shelter, and safety. Recipients of loan repayment assistance serve all Minnesota counties, with about half serving low-income clients in Greater Minnesota exclusively or as part of their statewide service. Many of the recipients are bi-lingual (speaking languages such as Spanish and French) and provide enhanced legal services to clients in their preferred language.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	30	30	60	30	30	60
Expenditures	0	30	30	60	30	30	60

Higher Education Public Service Grants Feasibility Study

This provision will fund a feasibility study for the Office of Higher Education to explore opportunities to establish statewide volunteer opportunities for students attending higher education institutions. This feasibility study will include a report that the Office of Higher Education will provide to relevant legislative committees.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	75	0	75	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	75	0	75	0	0	0

Minitex Online Library Health and Nursing Resources

This provision provides additional funding for the state's Minitex Online Library and Nursing Resources program. Additional funds will be used on statewide contracts for databases that support nursing programs. Currently, 57 academic and government libraries across Minnesota subscribe to nursing databases, and a majority of Minnesota higher education institutions license these resources individually to support students on their campuses.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	650	700	1,350	750	803	1,553
Expenditures	0	650	700	1,350	750	803	1,553

(Dollars in Thousands)

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Legalizing Adult-Use Cannabis

This provision provides funding for the safe and responsible legalization of cannabis for adults in Minnesota. It allows for the monitoring and regulation of cannabis cultivation, processing, and sales. The provision also includes measures to promote public health, public safety, criminal justice, and economic growth. Funding for the Office of Higher Education consists of \$1 million each year that is transferred to the dual training account in the special revenue fund for grants to employers in the legal cannabis industry.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
Transfers Out	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	1,025	1,025	2,050	1,025	1,025	2,050
Transfers Out	0	25	25	50	25	25	50
Expenditures	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000

Dual Training Grants

This provision provides additional funds for the Dual Training Competency Grant program and Dual -Training Pipeline Program to meet current demand and expand eligibility for training in occupations in new industries. The Dual Training Competency Grant (DTG), administered by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE), was established in 2015 to support of the implementation of the Minnesota Dual -Training Pipeline program administered by DLI. The grant program supports the related instruction component of dual training programs that lead towards trainees achieving identified competency standards. The grant currently reimburses grantees for the related instruction costs of tuition, fees, required books, and required materials of their dual trainees. To date, eleven grant rounds have awarded DTG program funds from January 2016 to round eleven that commenced in July 2022. The program seeks to both help employers provide training for their workforce and support trainees in earning industry -recognized degrees, certificates, or credentials.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	6,020	2,632	8,652	1,132	1,132	2,264
Transfers Out	0	6,020	2,632	8,652	1,132	1,132	2,264
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	6,020	2,632	8,652	1,132	1,132	2,264
Expenditures	0	6,020	2,632	8,652	1,132	1,132	2,264

Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center

This provision establishes and funds the Inclusive Higher Education Technical Assistance Center. The purpose of the center is to increase access to self-sustaining postsecondary education options across Minnesota for students with an intellectual disability to earn meaningful credentials through degree, certificate, and nondegree initiatives leading to competitive integrated employment, genuine community membership, and more independent living.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
Expenditures	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000

(Dollars in Thousands)

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North Star Promise

This provision provides a last-dollar scholarship for students meeting eligibility criteria (including an annual household income of less than \$80,000) for up to full college tuition at Minnesota State, the University of Minnesota, or a Tribal college.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	496	117,428	117,924	49,702	49,702	99,404
Expenditures	0	496	117,428	117,924	49,702	49,702	99,404

Hunger Free Campus Grants

This provision will increase the funding for the Hunger Free Campus Grants, which are used to support campuses who have not already earned the Hunger Free Campus designation. All public and tribal postsecondary institutions located in Minnesota are eligible to apply.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,398	898	2,296	898	898	1,796
Expenditures	0	1,398	898	2,296	898	898	1,796

Student Basic Needs Working Group

This provision will provide funding to establish the Postsecondary Student Basic Needs Working Group. The working group must review, assess, and make specific recommendations on strategies to meet the basic needs of higher education students. The report must include a comprehensive plan on how to identify, assess, and support students who are experiencing housing and food insecurity.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	44	0	44	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	44	0	44	0	0	0

Minnesota Independence College and Community

This provision shifts funding for the Minnesota Independence College and Community program to provide additional funding in the first biennium that is reduced in the second. The provision also includes expanded authority to spend these funds through Fiscal Year 2027.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)
Expenditures	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)

College Possible

This provision reduces base funding to College Possible in the FY 2026-27 biennium. College Possible will continue to receive \$550,000 in base funding through FY 2025 to support programs of college admission and college graduation for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support at both the high school and postsecondary levels.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	(550)	(550)	(1,100)
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	(550)	(550)	(1,100)

(Dollars in Thousands)

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MN State Course Placement Practices Report

This provision funds a report from the Office of Higher Education to document, review, and analyze college admission and course placement policies, practices, and assessments used by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. By February 1, 2024, the commissioner shall provide a preliminary report and by February 1, 2025, report the recommendations and findings to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over higher education. The commissioner shall seek external advice and expertise to address the above reviews, determinations, findings, and recommendations.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	250	0	250	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	250	0	250	0	0	0

Paramedic Scholarships

This provision provides one-time funds for a Paramedic Scholarship Program at the Office of Higher Education, which will provide up to 600 scholarships to students entering paramedic programs by 2026.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	3,200	0	3,200	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	3,200	0	3,200	0	0	0

Fostering Independence Grants and Wraparound Services

This provision increases funding for the Fostering Independence grant program and funds wraparound services for students at higher education institutions who were previously in the foster care system. The Fostering Independence Higher Education Grants is a financial aid program that seeks to eliminate that barrier for Minnesota students who were in the foster care system.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	986	1,155	2,141	655	655	1,310
Expenditures	0	986	1,155	2,141	655	655	1,310

Addiction Medicine Fellowship

This provision provides funding to support up to six physicians enrolled in an addiction medicine fellowship program. If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	270	270	540	270	270	540
Expenditures	0	270	270	540	270	270	540

Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement

This provision provides funding for unemployment insurance aid to Tribal colleges under new Minnesota Statutes.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	158	158	316	158	158	316
Expenditures	0	158	158	316	158	158	316

Early Childhood and Family Education Teacher Shortage

This provision funds grants to Minnesota institutions of higher education to address the early childhood and family education teacher shortage. Funds are appropriated to the Minnesota Department of Education for transfer to the Officer of Higher Education.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	500	500	1,000	500	500	1,000

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Expenditures	0	500	500	1,000	500	500	1,000