



COLORADO

**Department of
Higher Education**

Priority: R-3
WICHE Dues Increase
FY 2016-17 Request

Cost and FTE

- The Department requests an increase of \$8,000 reappropriated funds to pay for the increase in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) dues for FY 2016-17.

Current Program

- WICHE is a regional organization comprised of 15 western states which provides interstate student and research benefits.
- Membership allows Colorado higher education institutions to participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program whereby students can pay 150 percent of resident tuition to attend the out-of-state institutions.

Problem or Opportunity

- WICHE has increased its participation dues, from \$137,000 to \$145,000, an increase of \$8,000.

Consequences of Problem

- The Department does not have adequate spending authority in its line item to pay these dues.

Proposed Solution

- An increase of \$8,000 reappropriated funds for the WICHE line item will allow the Department to pay the increased fees and maintain its membership.

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Schedule 13

Funding Request for the FY 2016-17 Budget Cycle

Department of Higher Education

Request Title

R-03 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Dept. Approval By:	<u>Deane C. Duffy</u>	<u> </u> X	Supplemental FY 2015-16
		<u> </u>	Change Request FY 2016-17
		<u> </u>	Base Reduction FY 2016-17
OSPB Approval By:	<u>Grant N. Smith 10/24/15</u>	<u> </u>	Budget Amendment FY 2016-17

Summary Information	Fund	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18
		Initial Appropriation	Supplemental Request	Base Request	Change Request	Continuation
	Total	\$137,000	\$0	\$137,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total of All Line Items Impacted by Change Request	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	RF	\$137,000	\$0	\$137,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	FF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Line Item Information	Fund	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18
		Initial Appropriation	Supplemental Request	Base Request	Change Request	Continuation
	Total	\$137,000	\$0	\$137,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
02. Colorado Commission on Higher Education - Western Interstate Commission For Higher Education (WICHE)	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	CF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	RF	\$137,000	\$0	\$137,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
	FF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Letternote Text Revision Required?	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u> </u>	X	<u> </u>	If Yes, describe the Letternote Text Revision:
Cash or Federal Fund Name and CORE Fund Number:							
Reappropriated Funds Source, by Department and Line Item Name:							
Approval by OIT?	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u> </u>	Not Required:	<u> </u>	X
Schedule 13s from Affected Departments:							
Other Information:							

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Department of Higher Education

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Lt. Gov. Joseph Garcia
Executive Director

FY 2016-17 Funding Request | November 1, 2015

Department Priority: R-3
Request Detail: WICHE Dues Increase

Summary of Incremental Funding Change for FY 2016-17	Total Funds	Reappropriated Funds
Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE)	\$8,000	\$8,000

Problem or Opportunity:

The Department of Higher Education received notification from the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) that it would increase participation dues from the current rate of \$137,000 in FY 2015-16 to \$145,000 in FY 2016-17, an \$8,000 increase. The Department does not have adequate spending authority within the WICHE line item to cover the new required dues.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education is a regional organization created in 1953 and comprised of 15 member states and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands to facilitate resource sharing among the higher education systems of the west. WICHE was created to expand educational opportunities for the citizens of member states, and to provide educational programs, research and policy analysis to augment the capabilities of individual member states. WICHE also develops other interstate initiatives to improve higher education, and convenes policy-makers to address issues of concern to member states.

Membership in WICHE allows Colorado institutions of higher education to participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program in which member states allow students to pay 150 percent of resident tuition to attend the out-of-state institution. The Western Undergraduate exchange program helps institutions build enrollment base, fill excess capacity, provide student diversity and (for border institutions) better serve communities in the local vicinity.

Dues represent approximately one-third of WICHE's annual budget and are used to support core programs. The dues are equally apportioned among the fifteen (15) members. The state dues support the WICHE administrative structure to operate the student exchange programs. Grants from foundations and corporations, federal support and other fees leverage the state investments and represent the remainder of WICHE's annual budget.

Proposed Solution:

The Department requests \$8,000 re-appropriated spending authority for the WICHE line item in FY 2016-17 so the Department can pay for the increase in dues.

Anticipated Outcomes:

Approval of this request will allow Colorado to continue its participation in WICHE, thereby maintaining the benefits afforded the state and the students in the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program.

Assumptions and Calculations:

FY 2015-16 Appropriation (SB15-234)	\$137,000
FY 2016-17 Total WICHE Dues (Request)	\$145,000
FY 2016-17 Requested Increase	\$8,000