



MEMORANDUM

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USHE – Legislative Intent Language

During the 2020 Legislative Session, the legislature included the following intent language in [S.B. 1, Higher Education Base Budget](#):

The Legislature intends that the Board of Regents report to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, no later than October 15th, 2020 on a system-wide definition for Educationally Disadvantaged students and a listing of approved expenditure categories for said students.

The State Legislature appropriates funds to degree-granting institutions in several line items. The majority of an institution’s funding is appropriated to the Education and General line item. The Legislature also provides some funds to an institution in the Educationally Disadvantaged line item. During the 2019 interim, when asked for input, the System recommended the small amounts appropriated in the Educationally Disadvantaged line items be rolled into the Education and General line item. The legislature did not accept the recommendation. Appropriations to the line items in FY 2021 are as follows:

Institution	Education and General	Educationally Disadvantaged
University of Utah	\$595,405,500	\$762,600
Utah State University	\$292,621,600	\$100,000
USU – Eastern	\$15,510,500	\$105,000
Weber State University	\$177,097,500	\$398,700
Southern Utah University	\$99,825,300	\$97,600
Utah Valley University	\$272,602,100	\$185,000
Dixie State University	\$80,533,000	\$25,500
Snow College	\$40,875,000	\$32,000
Salt Lake Community College	\$162,917,100	\$178,400

In response to the legislative intent language in in [S.B. 1, Higher Education Base Budget](#), the System proposes the following definition of an “educationally disadvantaged student.” This definition is derived from the term defined in federal law.

A college student who requires special services and assistance to enable them to succeed in higher education.

The System further proposes the following list of approved expenditure categories for “educationally disadvantaged students:”

Funds may be spent on tuition assistance, counselors, advisors, or tutoring

Commissioner’s Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Finance & Facilities Committee review the proposed definition and approved expenditure categories and provide any comments or suggestions to the Commissioner’s office preparatory to submitting the document to the Legislature before October 15.