

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB338

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Edwards

3. Committee Education

4. Title Powers and duties of the State Council of Higher Education

5. Summary/Purpose: The proposed legislation adds to the powers and duties of the State Council of Higher Education and directs the State Council to facilitate the development of articulation agreements. In addition, the legislation directs the Council to develop estimates of the number of degrees to be awarded by each institution and include those estimates in its reports of enrollment projections.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See line 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The State Council of Higher Education (SCHEV) currently facilitates the development of articulation agreements. The State Council's strategic plan includes efforts "to [ensure] reduced time to degree through seamless transfer between community colleges and senior institutions." The amount of agency resources that will be devoted to this effort depends on the extent to which SCHEV undertakes various programs and activities to achieve this broad policy goal. The Governor's budget, as introduced, includes an additional position for SCHEV that could be used to help address any potential additional workload. In addition, the proposed legislation requires SCHEV to develop estimates of the number of degrees to be awarded by each institution and include those estimates in its reports of enrollment projections.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

State Council of Higher Education
Public institutions of higher education\Private institutions of higher education

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: House Bill 989 proposes that the State Council of Higher Education develop a state transfer module.

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cc: Secretary of Education