

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact, in the form of changes in tuition revenues to the University of Wyoming (UW) and the community colleges, is indeterminable.

It is not possible to project the change in tuition revenue to UW and the community colleges resulting from non-resident students qualifying for resident tuition from AmeriCorps service. UW and the community colleges are not able to accurately estimate 1) the number of non-resident AmeriCorps students who would attend and qualify for resident tuition or 2) the number of non-resident AmeriCorps students who would now enroll that otherwise would not have enrolled.

For non-resident AmeriCorps students attending UW that would qualify for resident tuition under this bill, the reduction in tuition per eligible student would be \$8,928 per year, assuming 12 credit hours per semester at 2016-17 tuition rates.

UW currently enrolls between 7 and 12 non-resident students per year who were employed through Wyoming Conservation Corp and AmeriCorps. The impact to granting those 7-12 currently enrolled students resident tuition would range from \$62,496 to \$107,136 in annual reduced revenue. While these numbers can provide a starting point to estimate the potential decrease in revenue, it is not possible to know how many other non-resident AmeriCorps students are attending or may attend given the benefit of the legislation, or the number of non-resident AmeriCorps students who would now enroll that otherwise would not have enrolled.

For non-resident AmeriCorps students attending one of the community colleges that would qualify for resident tuition under this bill, the reduction in tuition per eligible student would be \$4,272 per year, assuming 12 credit hours per semester at 2016-17 rates. For Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUI) AmeriCorps students attending one of the community colleges that would qualify for resident tuition under this bill, the reduction in tuition per eligible student would be \$1,056 per year, assuming 12 credit hours per semester at 2016-17 rates.

Other than programming for another non-resident tuition exemption, there would be no administrative impact to the Community College Commission. The need to verify eligibility of AmeriCorps members claiming the exemption would, however, impact the seven community colleges' registrars. Absent the ability to determine the number of members claiming the exemption, this impact is also indeterminable.

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