

**Subject** Higher education: emergency assistance grants

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## Summary

This bill appropriates funds for emergency assistance to postsecondary students. \$7,550,000 per year is appropriated to the Office of Higher Education (OHE). Of this amount:

- \$5,000,000 per year are for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities;
- \$2,000,000 per year are for the University of Minnesota;
- \$500,000 per year are for OHE to distribute to Tribal colleges and other nonprofit institutions eligible for state financial aid; and
- \$50,000 per year are for OHE's administrative costs.

The funds must be used to meet immediate student needs related to housing, food, transportation, etc. Funds appropriated are available until spent, but, at the end of the biennium, institutions must return any unused funds to OHE.

This appropriation has existed in past years and has a current base of \$319,000 per year.