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SUMMARY

Each of the nine Utah System of Higher Education institutions has an Educationally Disadvantaged line item with the charge for “scholarship, tutoring, counseling, and related support services for economically disadvantaged students.” The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends the Subcommittee prioritize an increase in the funding for this purpose at each of the institutions by a total of \$1 million.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the recommendation is to provide the institutions with the ability to expand their services to more students who qualify under the terms of the Educationally Disadvantaged programs. With additional funding, more students will be able to receive counseling, tutoring, scholarships, and other related services.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In 1970, the Educationally Disadvantaged program began with an initial appropriation of \$100,000. Over the past 38 years, the funding has grown to just over \$2 million. The Educationally Disadvantaged services have not seen a programmatic increase since 1997. With outreach efforts toward students who would qualify for these services, together with the increase in tuition costs for higher education, an increase in the base funding would help more students through the variety of services provided by this program. The Analyst recommends placing \$1 million for this program on its priority list. The funding would be distributed to the institutions as follows:

University of Utah	\$262,500
Utah State University	168,100
Weber State University	127,300
Southern Utah University	55,700
Snow College	28,700
Dixie State College	39,100
College of Eastern Utah	15,000
Utah Valley State College	146,800
Salt Lake Community College	<u>156,800</u>
Total	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

