



USHE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TRANSFERS

HIGHER EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

During the 2011 General Session, the Legislature approved two new facilities for the Utah System of Higher Education – an addition/remodel for the Business Building at Utah State University, and a Professional Programs Classroom Building for Weber State University. Because the bill that authorized the new facilities (H.B. 4, “General Obligations Bonds Authorizations”) passed so late in the session, the funding for the facilities’ Operations and Maintenance was appropriated to the Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) with the intent that it would be transferred to the appropriate institutions during the 2012 General Session.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In accordance with established practice, the Legislature approved O & M funding in the amount of \$797,000 for the addition/remodel for the Business Building at Utah State University and \$725,000 for the Professional Programs Classroom Building for Weber State University. For FY 2012, the funding was appropriated to the Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM).

The Analyst recommends that this funding be transferred from DFCM’s budgets to USU’s and WSU’s budget. A similar recommendation is being made to the Infrastructure and General Government subcommittee. The two recommendations net out to zero and simply put the O & M funding where the expenses are incurred.

Further recommendations for the O & M funding for FY 2013 for these two buildings are addressed in the USHE Operations and Maintenance State-Funded Facilities Issue Brief.