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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 2/24/2025
SHORT TITLE Higher Education Radio BILL NUMBER Senate Bill 495
ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
HED	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	Recurring	Other state funds
Total	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	Recurring	Other state funds

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 495

Senate Bill 495 (SB495) amends the educational television equipment replacement fund to include expenditure at public schools, adds radio equipment as an eligible use, and makes a technical change to clarify the fund is nonreverting. This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB495 does not include an appropriation nor does it add additional duties to the Higher Education Department. Therefore, the bill has no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The current statute excludes radio stations at all institutions and does not include radio stations housed at public schools. These entities would be eligible to receive funding from this source should SB495 be enacted.