

# **State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget**

Department of Education and Early Development  
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education-Student  
Exchange Program  
Component

## **Component: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education-Student Exchange Program**

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### **Component Mission**

To provide, through programs administered by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE), undergraduate and graduate educational access and information to Alaskan students studying or wishing to study in fields for which there are no programs operating in Alaska or which are offered to residents of member state in order to maximize the benefits of regional educational resources.

### **Component Services Provided**

The component administers various WICHE programs in Alaska: 1) The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP); 2) The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE); and 3) The Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP). Administrative activities include advertising exchange opportunities to Alaskan residents; certifying Alaskan residents as eligible for participation under the various WICHE programs; presenting Alaskan issues and concerns to the member states; and assisting in the development of new programs which serve to expand postsecondary opportunities for Alaskans.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

ACPE serves as Alaska's agency for coordinating activities in the 15-state Commission through cooperative agreements with other states in the region. The goal of the WICHE Student Exchange component is to provide undergraduate and graduate educational access and information to Alaskan students studying or wishing to study in fields for which there are no programs operating in Alaska or which are offered to residents of member states in order to maximize the benefits of regional educational resources.

In a period of increasing resident demand for access to education and training resources, this regional approach provides the broadest possible menu of educational opportunity to Alaskans. At the same time this approach allows the various public institutions to focus on the educational programs which are in greatest demand and which are tailored to the State's economic and work force needs. Alaska benefits from membership in this program not only through opportunities for students, but also from participation in regional research projects conducted by WICHE staff on educational trends throughout member states.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002**

A key issue is implementation of Ch. 23, SLA 99. The law authorized ACPE to develop a new model for Alaska's participation in the WICHE PSEP and utilize the student loan revolving fund of the ASLC as a fund source.

### **Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000**

1. Enabled participation of 1,300 Alaskan undergraduate students in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program with total savings to this participant group of \$5.8 million.
2. Enabled participation of almost 300 incoming undergraduate students at the University of Alaska in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program.
3. Enabled participation of 25 Alaskan graduate students in the Western Regional Graduate Exchange Program.
4. Distributed program information statewide at the secondary school level.

5. Responded to approximately 1,000 inquiries concerning these programs.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 14.44.010-060  
20 AAC 16.010-090

## Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education-Student Exchange Program

## Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	85.0	88.0	99.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	85.0	0.0	0.0
1106 Alaska Post-Secondary Education Commission Receipts	0.0	88.0	99.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>

## Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>						
AK Post-Sec. Education Comm. Receipts	55520	0.0	88.0	88.0	99.0	99.0
Unrestricted Fund	68515	85.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>85.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>85.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

The FY2002 request reflects an increment of \$11.0 in the contractual line for the increase in annual compact dues.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**

**From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2001 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>88.0</b>
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-WICHE State Dues increase	0.0	0.0	11.0	11.0
<b>FY2002 Governor</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99.0</b>