Second Regular Session - 2016

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 412

BY JORDAN

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-3726, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR
3	THE TUITION STABILIZATION ACCOUNT IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION STABILIZA-
4	TION FUND.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 33-3726, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

33-3726. HIGHER EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND. There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be known as the higher education stabilization fund. The higher education stabilization fund shall consist of $\frac{1}{2}$ four (34) separate accounts as follows:

- (1) An account designated the strategic interest account shall consist of interest earnings from the investment of moneys deposited with the state treasurer into unrestricted current fund 0650-00, as designated by the state controller in the statewide accounting and reporting system. Annually on July 1, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the state controller shall transfer such interest earnings to the strategic interest account. All moneys so transferred shall be expended for the maintenance, use and support of institutions that have deposited moneys into unrestricted current fund 0650-00. All such expenditures shall be subject to legislative appropriation. Institutions shall receive a pro rata share of a legislative appropriation based upon the amount of moneys any such institution has deposited into unrestricted current fund 0650-00 in the current fiscal year compared to the total amount deposited by all institutions in the current fiscal year. Interest earned from the investment of moneys in the strategic interest account shall be retained in the strategic interest account.
- (2) An account designated the surplus stabilization account shall consist of any other moneys made available through legislative transfers, appropriations or otherwise provided by law, or from any other governmental source. All such moneys shall be expended for the maintenance, use and support of institutions named in section 33-3803, Idaho Code. Such expenditures shall be made subject to legislative appropriation to the state board of education for college and universities. Distribution of such moneys to institutions shall be based upon the state board of education's established practices for the allocation of moneys to such institutions. Interest earned from the investment of moneys in this surplus stabilization account shall be retained in this surplus stabilization account.
- (3) An account designated the surplus stabilization account for Eastern Idaho Technical College, North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho and College of Western Idaho shall consist of any other moneys made available through legislative transfers, appropriations or otherwise provided by law, or from any other governmental source. All such moneys shall be expended for

the maintenance, use and support of Eastern Idaho Technical College, North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho and College of Western Idaho. Such expenditures shall be made subject to legislative appropriation to Eastern Idaho Technical College, through the appropriation to the division of professional-technical education, and to the community colleges. Distribution of such moneys shall be based upon established practices for the allocation of moneys to Eastern Idaho Technical College through the division of professional-technical education, or the state board of education's established practices for the allocation of moneys to the community colleges. Interest earned from the investment of moneys in this surplus stabilization account shall be retained in this surplus stabilization account.

(4) An account designated the tuition stabilization account shall be credited all moneys remitted pursuant to this subsection, from donations or from any other source. The state controller shall annually transfer moneys from the budget stabilization fund to this tuition stabilization account subject to the provisions of this subsection. If the state controller certifies that the receipts to the budget stabilization fund for the fiscal year just ending have reached at least four hundred twenty million dollars (\$420,000,000), then the state controller shall transfer one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of all budget stabilization fund collections in excess of four hundred twenty million dollars (\$420,000,000) to this tuition stabilization account. The state controller shall make the transfers in four (4) equal amounts during September, December, March and June of the next fiscal year. All interest earned on the investment of moneys in this account shall be retained in this account. Moneys in this tuition stabilization account may be expended only to supplement general fund appropriations to Idaho public four (4) year institutions of higher education for the purpose of stabilizing tuition costs of resident undergraduate students. Any increase in resident undergraduate tuition at any such institution of higher education in any given year should be limited to a percent not to exceed the increase in the three (3) year rolling average of the state's median family income.