

Senate Fiscal Summary
1st Session of the 60th Legislature



Senate Bill 233

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Agency:	Higher Ed
Senate Author:	Standridge
House Author:	
FY'26 Impact:	STAF
Full Year Impact:	STAF

**Bill Summary and
Fiscal Analysis:**

This bill creates the Teacher Shortage Reduction Act; it states that juniors and seniors in the state who are eligible for concurrent enrollment declare an intention to pursue an undergraduate teacher education program, and who declare an intent to teach in a public school for 3 of the 10 years following attainment of a BA are eligible for a tuition waiver for 60 hours. This bill subject to availability of funding.

While the measure includes an availability of funds clause, the waiver investment would center around credit hours enrolled in the aggregate by students who have declared intent to seek a teaching degree. Currently seniors and juniors may earn 18 and 9 credit hours from concurrent courses, respectively. The 60 hour maximum would be net of the current maximums. Using an average per credit hour tuition rate of \$165, the determination of student participation is critical to provide a reliable estimate of necessary investment.

Hypothetically, fall semester 2025: 500 students enrolling in an average of nine eligible hours ($\$165 \times 500 \times 9$) = \$742,500. Spring semester 2026: \$1,485,000.