

**Senate Fiscal Summary**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature



**Senate Bill 58**

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<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Higher Ed</b>
<b>Senate Author:</b>	<b>Weaver</b>
<b>House Author:</b>	
<b>FY'26 Impact:</b>	<b>\$5,654,880 (est)</b>
<b>Full Year Impact:</b>	<b>\$5,654,880</b>

**Bill Summary and  
Fiscal Analysis:**

This law creates the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; this program provides a waiver of resident tuition for eligible students.

The fiscal impact of this Act depends on numerous variables including the number of peace officers, firefighters, and EMT's and of that group the number likely to enroll to utilize the tuition waiver. Also unknown at this time is whether an eligible student is also receiving any other federal or state aid.

Based on data available from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics the current number of persons in these professions is approximately 14,280. Assuming a hypothetical of 20% of those eligible enroll in courses in any semester, averaging 6 hours a semester (while working) or 12 hours for an academic year. Average tuition rate per hour of \$165.

Number of students: 2,856  
Number of credit hours per academic year: 34.272 for two semesters  
Average tuition per credit hour: \$165  
Estimated Waiver Value for all eligible hours: \$5,654,880.

Fiscal Impact Provided by the State Regents for Higher Education.

