FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is indeterminable.

This bill amends the calculation of full-time weighted equivalency enrollment for community college courses by requiring distance education courses to be considered a level one, level two or level three class, as determined by the content of the course, rather than weighted at eight-tenths (0.8).

The amendment to the distance education course weighting would result in an indeterminable expenditure increase or decrease to the Wyoming community college state aid standard budget. The Wyoming Community College Commission (Commission) indicates this bill would impact two different financial calculations used by the Commission: 1) the standard budget enrollment adjustment request required under W.S. 21-18-203(e); and 2) the distribution of appropriations through the funding allocation model under W.S. 21-18-205(c), which uses metrics impacted by the full-time weighted equivalency enrollment counts.

The Commission indicates the next standard budget enrollment adjustment is scheduled to occur 2025 for the FY 2027-2028 biennium budget request.

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