

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

INFORMATION: Course Choice Empowerment Enrollment Exceeds Current Appropriation

Agenda item type:

Information Item

Recommended Action:**Purpose of Memo:**

Staff recommendation

Background:

SB 137 (2025 General Session) created the Course Choice Empowerment Program. The appropriation for this program is \$8.95MM, of which 8% was to go to the vendor of choice—Odyssey. Odyssey needed more time to ensure readiness of systems to manage the program, so USBE staff took the program administration back, temporarily, until April 1, 2026. Arizona State University has enrolled private school students in courses and the amount of enrollments is projected to exceed the available funding for this year. SB 137 established that the legislature can appropriate a supplemental during the next legislative session to cover the additional enrollment levels and associated costs.

<https://cobi.utah.gov/2026/4710/overview>

<https://le.utah.gov/~2025/bills/static/SB0137.html>

Excerpt:

2)Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall:(a)consider enrollment projections provided by the authorized online course providers to account for enrollment growth during the appropriations process; and(b)provide a supplemental appropriation to adequately fund the Statewide Online Education Program when the enrollment amount exceeds the projected enrollment amounts provided by the authorized online course providers

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Attachments:

1. Board Backup for Course Choice Empowerment Legislative Appropriation

