

- d) While growth for the maximum award, which is currently \$6,095, has kept with inflation the increase has not kept pace with escalating college costs.

STAFF COMMENTS

- 1) **Need for the bill.** According to the author, many Californians' cannot not afford the high cost of tuition, housing and food associated with college attendance. The author further asserts that it is important that the state request the federal government to address this concern.

This measure calls on Congress to increase the maximum Pell Grant to at least \$7,500, which is an additional increase of \$1,405 in the maximum award amount.

- 2) **Related Pell Grant Program activity.** On September 28, 2018, President Trump signed H.R. 6157, an omnibus spending bill that set federal funding levels for programs operated by the U.S. Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. H.R. 6157 provided funding for all federal financial aid programs for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019, beginning October 1, 2018 and concluding on September 30, 2019. Major adjustments to federal financial aid programs for FFY 2019 includes an increase of \$100 in the maximum Pell Grant award from \$6,095 to \$6,195 in the 2019-20 award year beginning July 1, 2019.

The maximum award currently stated in this measure will be obsolete as of June 30, 2019, for this reason **staff recommends that the resolution be amended** and updated to reflect the maximum grant for the 2019-20 award year of \$6,195 in lieu of the \$6,095 amount set for the 2018-19 year.

SUPPORT

None received

OPPOSITION

None received

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