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REDUCTIONS OF 1967-68 APPROPRIATIONS IN THREE STATES

Appropriations for operating expenses of higher education for fiscal year 1967-68 were reduced, late in 1967, in Kentucky (GRAPEVINE, page 700), Oregon, and Utah.

In Oregon the action was by a special session of the legislature, after the regular and special sessions had failed to provide for adequate sources of state revenue.

In Utah the action was by the executive branch, following a failure of revenue receipts to equal previous estimates, due in part at least to a long unsettled labor dispute and strike in the copper industry.

The sums lost to higher education for fiscal year 1967-68 in all three states aggregate less than $10 million--less than one-fourth of one per cent of the fifty-state total for that year.

In no event should they be misinterpreted as signalling a recession in state tax support of higher education. Do not rush to press the panic button. Remember that 23 states have already appropriated for fiscal year 1968-69 sums which represent a weighted average gain of 46¼ per cent over the comparable figures of two years earlier (GRAPEVINE, pages 694-497).

The twenty-seven legislatures now meeting or about to meet in 1968 almost certainly understand the wisdom of investment in public higher education better than any of their predecessors.

OREGON. The recent Special Session of the legislature deadlocked and failed to enact a much-needed 3 per cent general sales tax. Oregon is one of only six states now having no general sales tax--the prime producer of large and quick inflow of revenue.

Having failed to provide for sources of sufficient revenue for the biennium 1967-69, the special session proceeded to revise and reduce the biennial appropriations made earlier in 1967 by the regular general session.

Higher education suffered a loss of a little over 3 per cent for fiscal year 1967-68 and a little over 4 per cent for fiscal year 1968-69. The new tabulation for the biennium, with the two fiscal years shown separately, forms Table 86.

Table 86. State tax-fund appropriations for annual operating expenses of higher education in Oregon, biennium 1967-69, as revised by Special Session late in 1967, in thousands of dollars, by separate fiscal years.

Institutions	1967-68	1968-69
(1)	(2)	(3)
U of Oregon	$11,056	$11,150
U of O Medical Sch*	3,325	3,505
Tchng hosps & clinic, incl TV Hosps	4,678	4,846
Cip Children Div	1,023	1,065
U of O Dental School*	1,268	1,352
Subtotals, U of Oregon**		

* The medical and dental schools are administratively unconnected with the University, but bear its name.

** $21,350 and $21,919

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OREGON (Continued from page 712)
Table 86 (Continued).

Institutions (1)	1967-68 (2)	1968-69 (3)
Oregon State U	$12,542	$12,662
Ag Exp Station	3,200	3,479
Ag Extension Serv	2,465	2,653
Forest Research Lab	217	236
Subtotals, O State U ***		
Portland State Coll	7,391	7,440
Oregon Coll of Edn	2,085	2,103
Southern Ore Coll	2,870	2,878
Eastern Oregon Coll	1,318	1,331
Ore Technical Inst	1,727	1,750
Div of Continuing Edn	1,784	1,812
WICHE	68	82
Centralized Activities	1,605	1,421
NDEA matching loan funds	261	294
State aid to comm colls	6,315	7,924
Grand Total	$65,199	$67,984

*** $18,425 and $19,030

The revision reduces the 2-year gain (since 1965) to 32½ per cent (from the 36½ per cent achieved by the regular 1967 appropriation, before revision). The 8-year gain (since 1959) is reduced to 127 per cent (from 134¼ per cent).

Even before the reduction, Oregon was in the lowest quartile of the fifty states arranged according to percentages of gain over eight years.

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CORRECTION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. On GRAPEVINE page 702, Table 82, Column 7, the percentage of gain over four years for the University of Washington is erroneously shown as 40%. This figure should be 71%.

UTAH. Partly due to a lengthy strike in the copper industry, the state revenues for the first half of the current fiscal year have been somewhat below expectations.

As a result the governor, acting under authority of the type of statute found in several states (see GRAPEVINE, page 700, reporting Kentucky), ordered a reduction of 4 per cent in the sums appropriated for annual operating expenses of higher education, effective during the first three quarters of the current fiscal year.

It is reported that some small exceptions from this reduction are allowed, apparently at the discretion of the governor. At last report no decision had been announced regarding possible reductions affecting the third quarter of this fiscal year, or the fiscal year 1968-69.

If it turns out that the full 4% reduction is applied to the whole of fiscal year 1967-68, the loss will be about $1¼ million, reducing $31,448,000 to $30,188,000.

A change of this magnitude would amount to about one-thirtieth of one per cent of the nationwide total appropriated by the fifty states for fiscal year 1967-68, and hence is, from the national viewpoint, negligible.

It exemplifies, however, the practice of subordinating the integrity of the state's appropriation acts to the fetish of short-term budget-balancing; and of rough-shod disruption of institutional planning which almost inevitably causes dollar losses to the state larger than the petty sums sought to be saved.

The states which thus hamstring their institutions with outmoded practices of this kind should free themselves of such trammels by amending the statutes to restore the integrity of their annual or biennial appropriations.

STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN DESCENDING ORDER OF APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE TAX FUNDS FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967-68

Data for all institutions receiving more than $30 million for this fiscal year were circulated in Table 83 (GRAPEVINE, page 703). Table 87 proceeds downward from that point. Figures for the preceding fiscal year (1966-67) were circulated in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 20 (GRAPEVINE, pages 599, 600, 601, 602, 607, 608, 611, 616, 617, 619, 620, and 632).

Table 87. $20 million to $30 million.

Institutions + (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Massachusetts	$29,853
Iowa State University	28,833
Texas A&M U (Coll Sta)*	28,421
U of Connecticut	28,363
Washington State U	27,796
U of Nebraska	27,319
U of Colorado	26,525
U of N C (Chapel Hill)*	26,431
West Virginia U	25,418
N Y St Colls at Cornell U	25,208
Northern Illinois U	25,027
University of Kansas	22,400
University of Oregon ++	21,942
N C State U at Raleigh *	21,668
San Jose St Coll (Cal)	21,396
U of Arkansas	21,327
U of Arizona	20,063

+ The sums appropriated by Pennsylvania to Temple University and the University of Pittsburgh are probably within the range of this tabulation; but these two institutions do not appear here for two reasons: (1) the sums had not been reported prior to completion of this tabulation; and (2) the institutions are not state universities, but "state-related" private universities.

++ The figure includes the medical school and the dental school which are administratively and physically separate from the University, but bear its name.

* Included in a larger composite in an earlier unit of this series of tables.

Table 88. $15 million to $20 million.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
Los Angeles St Coll (Cal)	$19,519
U of Cal (San Francisco)*	19,144
Florida State University	19,005
Oregon State University	18,766
San Diego St Coll (Cal)	18,766
St U of NY (Stony Brook)*	18,641
St U of NY (Albany)*	18,640
U of Cal (Santa Barbara)*	18,433
Long Beach St Coll (Cal)	18,391
Illinois State University	18,185
San Francisco St Coll (Cal)	17,932
NY Downstate Med Ctr*	17,444
NY Upstate Medical Ctr*	16,901
University of Utah	16,521
University of Alabama **	16,357
Kansas State University	16,124
U of Cal (San Diego)*	15,832
University of Virginia	15,747
Auburn University ***	15,601
Texas Technological U	15,383
Kent State University (Ohio)	15,330
University of Oklahoma	15,303
Oklahoma State University	15,189
Cent Washington St Coll	15,111

* The figure is included in a larger composite at an earlier point in this series of tables.

** There was an additional conditional appropriation of $1,656 thousand.

*** There was an additional conditional appropriation of $606 thousand. How much of Alabama's conditional appropriations will actually be paid is not now known.

State universities and colleges in descending order of appropriations of state tax funds for annual operating expenses for fiscal year 1967-68

Table 89. $10 million to $15 million.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
Western Michigan U	$14,879
Arizona State University	14,853
University of Houston	14,547
U of Cal (Riverside) *	14,521
Ohio University (Athens)	14,353
Virginia Polytech Inst	14,268
Ball St University (Ind)	13,769
San Fernando St Coll (Cal)	13,737
Colorado State University	13,661
University of Mississippi	13,350
Western Illinois University	13,279
Indiana State U (Terre Haute)	13,190
University of New Mexico	12,853
U of North Dakota	12,573
NY St Coll of Ag at Cornell *	12,211
Eastern Washington St Coll	12,033
University of Nevada	11,773
University of Idaho	11,725
Georgia Inst of Technology	11,706
University of Rhode Island	11,601
Cal St Poly (San Luis Obispo)	11,576
U of Oregon at Eugene	11,314
Eastern Illinois University	11,219
Sacramento St Coll (Cal)	11,078
North Texas St University	11,007
Univ of South Carolina	10,702
University of Maine	10,646
Memphis State University	10,550
Medical Coll of Virginia	10,444
NY St U Coll at Buffalo *	10,398
Eastern Michigan University	10,300
University of Wyoming	10,015

* The figure is included in a larger composite appearing earlier in this series of tables.

Table 90. $7 million to $10 million.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
Bowling Green St U (Ohio)	$9,629
NY St U at Binghamton *	9,474
Florida A&M University	9,409
Miami University (Ohio)	9,245
Univ of New Hampshire	9,190
Montana State U (Bozeman)	9,025
U of Cal (Irvine Campus) *	8,966
Medical Coll of So Carolina	8,898
Southern University (La)	8,748
University of Alaska	8,619
New Mexico St University	8,564
NY St U Coll at Oswego *	8,549
NY St U Coll at New Paltz *	8,505
Cal St Poly (K-V Campus)	8,463
Fullerton State Coll (Cal)	8,433
U of Southwestern Louisiana	8,026
Hayward State Coll (Cal)	7,908
Central Missouri St Coll	7,721
Weber State College (Utah)	7,720
Eastern Kentucky University **	7,641
Portland St Coll (Ore)	7,586
Central Michigan University	7,578
Michigan Technological U	7,569
Western Kentucky University ***	7,543
Clemson University (S C)	7,320
NY St U Coll at Oneonta *	7,279
Arlington St Coll (Tex)	7,149
East Carolina College (N C)	7,032

* The figure is included in a larger composite appearing earlier in this series of tables.

** Reduced to $7,030 thousand by state executive action, November 1967.

*** Reduced to $6,940 thousand by state executive action, November 1967.

Table 91. $ 5 million to $7 million.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
Western Kentucky University	$6,940
NY St U Coll at Cortland *	6,924
Ferris St Coll (Mich)	6,784
U of Montana (Missoula)	6,760
East Texas State U	6,717
Wisconsin State U - Oshkosh	6,710
NY St U Coll at Brockport *	6,707
Louisiana Polytechnic Inst	6,555
University of Cincinnati **	6,500
University of Akron	6,412
NY St U Coll at Geneseo *	6,229
Central Conn St Coll	6,268
University of Toledo	6,176
Marshall University (W Va)	6,130
Southern Conn St Coll	6,112
Humboldt State College (Cal)	6,100
NY St U Coll at Plattsburgh	6,096
U of West Florida	6,084
East Tennessee State U	6,062
NY A&T Inst, Farmingdale *	6,058
Wichita State University	5,994
Wis St U, Whitewater	5,972
NY St U Coll at Potsdam*	5,903
Mankato St Coll (Minn)	5,807
Lamar S C of Technol (Tex)	5,782
Sam Houston St Coll (Tex)	5,757
U of South Dakota	5,699
Murray State U (Ky) ***	5,648
NY St U Coll at Fredonia *	5,535
Cleveland State U (Ohio)	5,297
Virginia St College	5,289
Northwestern St Coll of La	5,239
U of N C at Greensboro *	5,817
Northern Michigan U	5,122
Stephen F. Austin S C (Tex)	5,100
Northern Arizona U	5,055
Wis St U, Eau Claire	5,031

Table 92. $4 million to $5 million.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
St Cloud St Coll (Minn)	$4,976
Southwest Mo St Coll	4,964
Southeast Mo St Coll	4,930
Northeast La St Coll	4,929
Towson St Coll (Md)	4,912
Southwest Texas St Coll	4,882
Texas Western College *	4,879
Colorado State College	4,869
NY St Coll of Forestry *	4,830
Kansas St T C at Emporia	4,814
Wis St U, Stevens Point	4,766
Middle Tennessee St U	4,756
Southeastern La College	4,747
Texas Woman's University	4,731
Arkansas State College	4,715
Tennessee A&I State U	4,633
Morehead State U (Ky) @	4,625
Kearney St Coll (Nebr)	4,528
Tennessee Polytechnic U	4,487
Oakland Univ (Mich) *	4,385
Kas St Coll of Pittsburgh	4,336
Montclair State Coll (N J)	4,135
NY A&T Inst, Alfred *	4,081
NY St C Ceramics (Alfred) *	4,081
Indiana U of Pennsylvania +	4,041
West Texas State U	4,024
NJ Coll of Med and Dent	4,005

Footnotes to Tables 90 and 91 --

* Included in a larger composite entered earlier in this series.

** Municipal university, "state-related".

*** Reduced to $5,197 by state executive action, November 1967.

@ Reduced to $4,255.

\+ The figure is for fiscal year 1966-67, and is almost certainly substantially larger for 1967-68, but was not reported when this tabulation was completed.

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