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MAINE - Benefits of New England Board of Higher Education Compact, FY 2017

- The New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) is a federally authorized, state-created “compact” that provides several cost-saving education programs for the six New England states. The primary program is the Regional Student Program (RSP) Tuition Break, providing more than \$1 billion in savings to New England since 1958.
- NEBHE’s RSP Tuition Break provides Maine residents with access to specialized undergraduate and graduate degree programs at public campuses in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont — all at a substantial tuition discount.
- NEBHE’s RSP Tuition Break also brings significant tuition revenue to Maine public institutions paid by students coming from the other five states to pursue specialized programs.

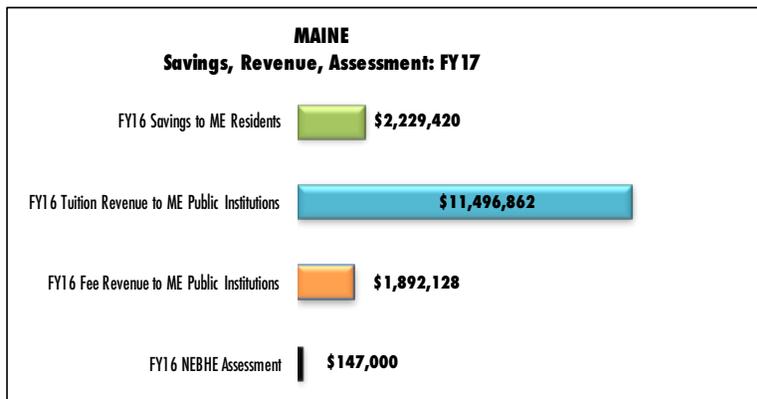
Benefits of NEBHE’s RSP Tuition Break to Maine

FY 2017

Tuition savings to Maine residents.....	\$2,229,420
Number of participating Maine residents (headcount)	401
Average RSP tuition savings per Maine resident (enrolled full-time)	\$6,675
Number of specialized programs available to Maine residents	750+
Number of incoming RSP students enrolled at Maine institutions (headcount)	1,013
Tuition revenue to Maine institutions.....	\$11,496,862
Fee revenue to Maine institutions.....	\$1,892,128

NEBHE Assessment and Return on Investment (ROI) for RSP Benefit: FY 2017

Maine's assessment to NEBHE	\$147,000
ROI: RSP tuition savings	15-to-1
ROI: RSP tuition savings + tuition & fee revenue.....	106-to-1



- State assessments to NEBHE support operations of the RSP (9,000 participants), including managing the tuition exchange among states, annual certification of more than 4,500 undergraduate and graduate programs and publicizing program availability to New England residents.
- State assessments to NEBHE also support activities and operations of NEBHE Board of Delegates (representing all six states) and the NEBHE President’s Office.
- Total state support from all six New England states in FY17 totaled \$1,076,000—less than one half of the organization’s total budget. This is a decrease from \$1,601,000 in FY02.
- The NEBHE Board has frozen Maine’s annual assessment at \$147,000 from FY08 to FY18. NEBHE obtains grant funding from philanthropic organizations, sponsorships and event registration fees to provide a wide range of additional activities, benefits and cost savings to the six New England states.