

Nevada System of Higher Education

2027 - 2029

Biennial State Budget Process

NSHE Board of Regents Meeting

April 17, 2026

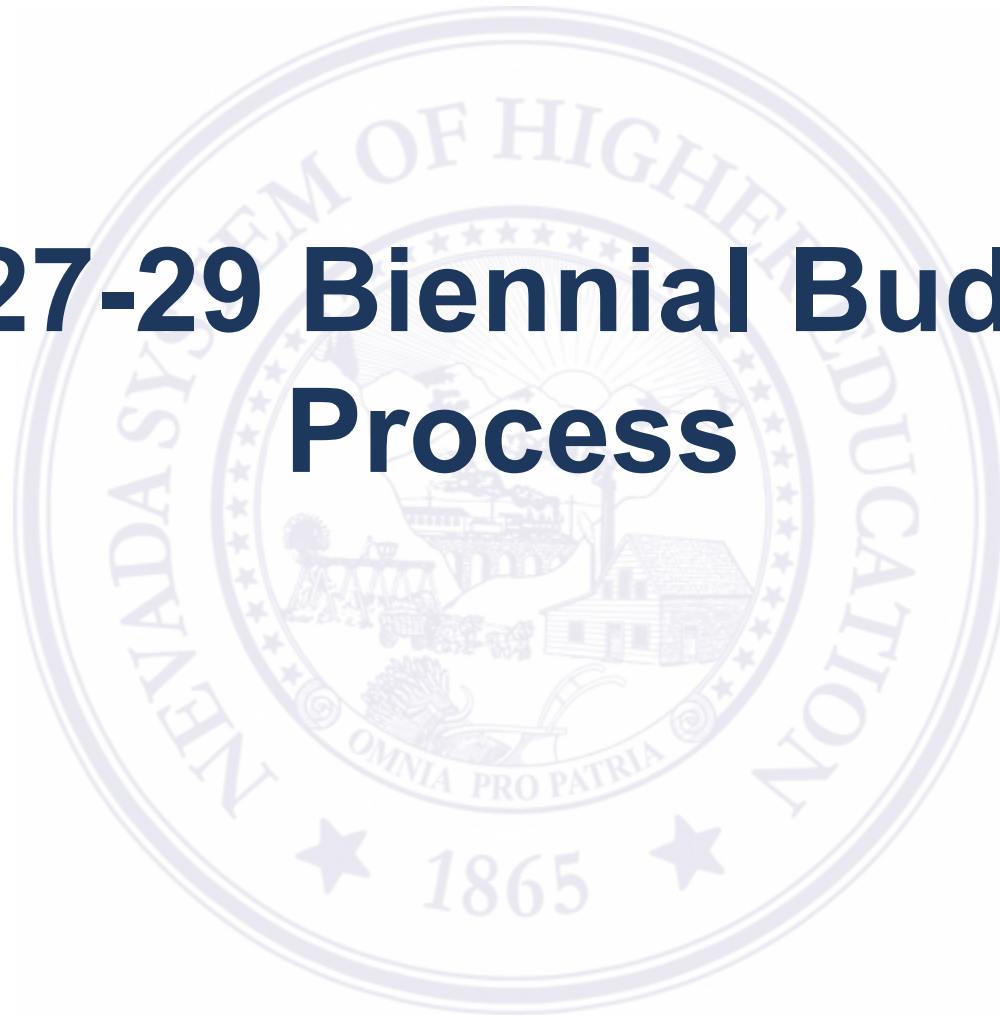


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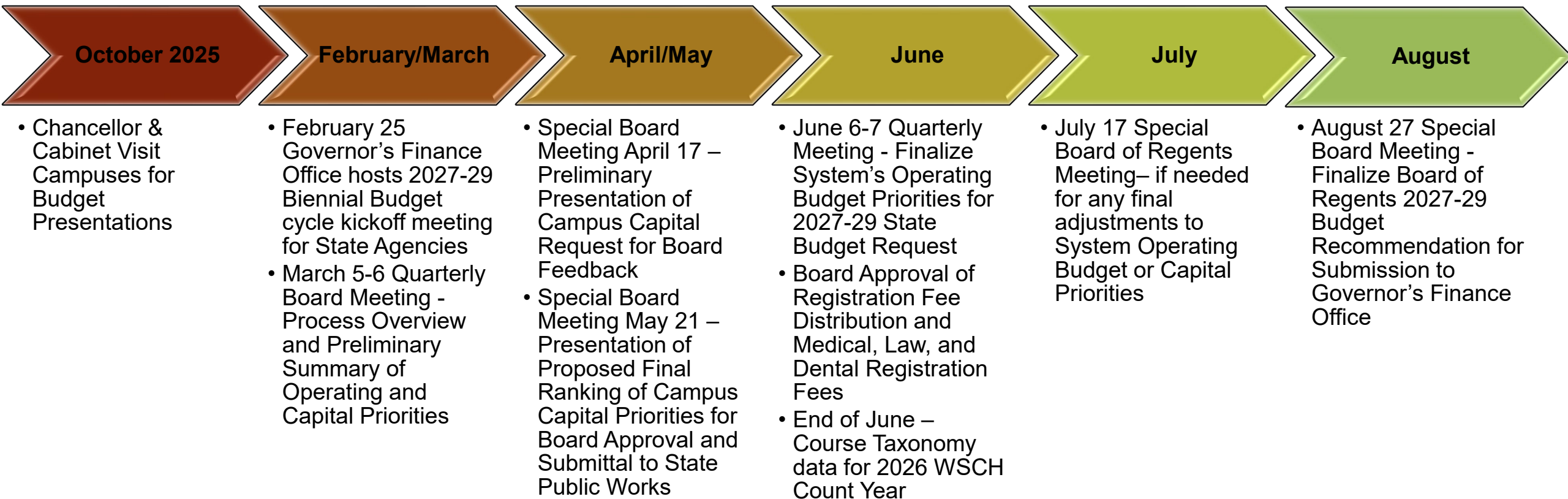
- NSHE Budget Preparation Process Timeline
- Governor's Finance Office Agency Budget Request Limit
- Initial System-wide Operating Budget Priorities
- Institution Budget Priorities
- Shared Funding Structure and 80% Discussion



2027-29 Biennial Budget Process



Schedule for the 2027-29 Biennial Budget Request



2027-29
Governor's Finance Office
Agency Request Spending Limit

SB 462 (2025 Legislative Session)

- Defines the term “adjusted base budget”
 - Legislatively approved appropriations or authorizations for the first year of the current biennium.
 - Adjusted for:
 - ✓ Removal of one-time appropriation or authorization
 - ✓ Annualization of statewide fringe and similar adjustments
 - ✓ Caseloads
 - ✓ Any other necessary adjustment (Governor’s Finance Office)

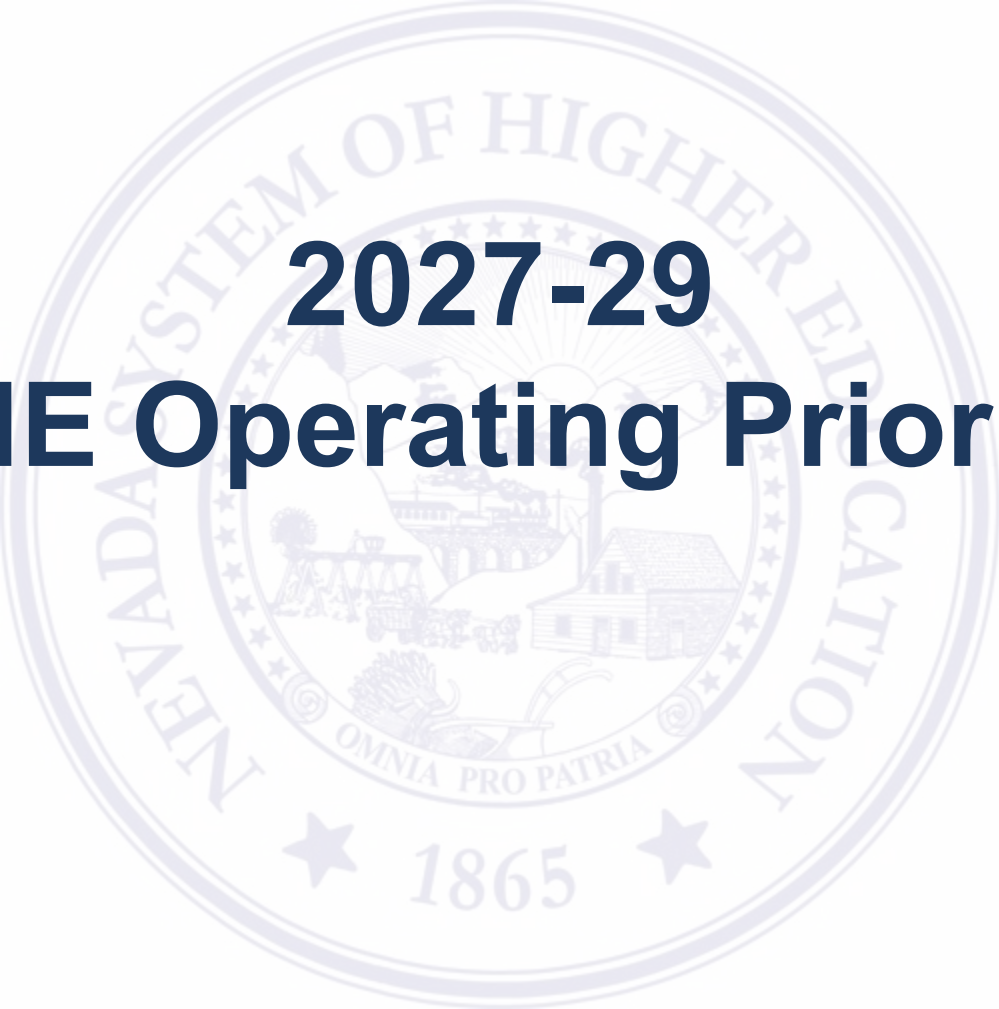


2027-29 Agency Request Spending Limit

	FY26	FY27	2025-27 Biennial Total	2027-29 Biennial Total
Instructional Formula	\$712,085,773	\$701,848,571	\$1,413,934,344	\$1,439,659,811
Professional Schools	127,121,260	125,700,544	252,821,804	255,805,715
Desert Research Institute	11,095,689	11,061,202	22,156,891	22,247,878
Other Non-Formula	88,779,988	89,001,231	177,781,219	182,006,668
NSHE Total	\$939,082,710	\$927,611,548	\$1,866,694,258	\$1,899,720,072

Prior to statewide inflation (benefits, etc.) and caseload adjustment





2027-29 NSHE Operating Priorities

Governor's 3-Year Plan Priorities

- Education and Workforce
- Economic Growth and Business Development
- Health and Wellness
- Public Safety and Infrastructure
- Governmental Support Services
- Rural and Natural Resources

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Alignment



2027-29 Operating Budget Priorities: Adequacy of Base Funding

➤ Fee Waivers

- Native American Fee Waiver \$13.41 M
- National Guard Fee Waiver \$9.39 M



2027-29 Operating Budget Priorities: Adequacy of Base Funding

The small institution factor was funded at 20% in FY26 and 40% in FY27. The System supports funding the small institution factor at 100% each year of the biennium.

Institution	FY26 Funding at 20%	FY27 Funding at 40%	Additional Funding Needed for 100%	Total SIF Funding at 100% (per year)	NSHE Biennial Total
GBC	\$253,348	546,616	720,122	1,266,738	\$2,533,476
WNC	\$183,439	385,989	531,204	917,193	\$1,834,386



2027-29 Operating Budget Priorities: Adequacy of Base Funding

➤ Deferred Maintenance

- Additional Deferred Maintenance Request \$85.0 M

➤ Public Safety - Commands and Campus Infrastructure

- Sworn Positions \$15.60 M
- Supplies and Infrastructure \$17.97 M



2027-29 Operating Budget Priorities: Adequacy of Base Funding

- Operation & Maintenance Funding
- Technology infrastructure and cybersecurity risk mitigation



2027-29 Operating Budget Priorities: Student Support Initiatives

- Graduate Assistant stipends and PTI rates
- Student support for food and housing insecurity and wellness services
- Silver State Opportunity Grant
- Promise Scholarship
- Millennium Scholarship



2027-29 Operating Budget Priorities: Program Investments

- Increase Nursing, Health Professions, Allied Health Cluster Weight
- Workforce Programs: Teacher Pipeline, Social Work, Career & Technical Programs
- Graduate Medical Education
- Prison Program Expansion
- UNR College of Veterinary Medicine Initial Funding
- UNLV Rural Dentistry Program
- DRI Cloud Seeding and Nevada Water Initiative



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- Student Fee/Tuition and General Fund Offset Policy
 - Recommendation from 2011-12 Interim Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education (S.B. 374, 2011 Legislature), Adopted by the 2013 Legislature
 - Exemption from “Section 7” of the Authorizations Act
- Shared Funding Structure and Fund Mapping
- Current NSHE Specific COLA Funding Policy
 - Proportionate Funding Split - 80th (2019) Legislative Session
 - State Funds Appropriated to Board of Examiners – 73rd (2005) Legislative Session



Questions?

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