

The Florida Senate
GOVERNOR'S VETO
OF PORTIONS OF THE 2017 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT
SB 2500

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION VETOED

Specific Appropriation 126
Pages 36 through 38

"Polk State College
Expansion of Art Program..... 3,000,000"

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

"The [indicated project following Specific Appropriation 126] is vetoed because there is not an identifiable statewide impact."

ANALYST COMMENT

This appropriation provided \$3 million in recurring base funding from general revenue to Polk State College for an expansion of art programs and related campus expansion in Lake Wales. The college is primarily using the funding (\$2.2 million) to support the general operations of the Lake Wales Campus (JD Alexander Center). The remaining \$800,000 is used to support the college's Lake Wales Arts Center and cultural event programming. The \$3 million is approximately 7% of the college's total operating budget. Funds were originally provided in the appropriations act for FY 2011-12. This initiative was continued in both the Senate General Appropriations Act at \$3 million and House General Appropriations bill at \$1.5 million.