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He is focused on fixing the "consequences" rather than the "root problem."

In this instance - there is a direct and historical correlation between declining state appropriations and tuition in last decade. And building on that - in SEC - USC receives the smallest state appropriation (or close to smallest) per in state FTE. Therefore - it is an apples to oranges comparison on tuition with Florida et al, as those states legislatures appropriate dramatically more for higher ed than SC. The chart from BOT meeting was on this point.

NH has been dialed in on a solution to the "root problem" - metric based higher ed funding reform.

I think Loftis is going to try and swipe this issue for re-election- since the investment commission issue is done for him.

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On Jul 3, 2013, at 8:38 AM, TWALKER@mailbox.sc.edu <TWALKER@mailbox.sc.edu> wrote:

> Looks like Loftis has his own higher ed funding reform platform.  
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> [http://www.wltx.com/news/article/241220/2/USC-Tuition-Tops-Other-SEC-Public-Schools?  
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