

# \$1 million boost will help CWI meet growth needs

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NAMPA — An additional \$1 million in state support to the College of Western Idaho will help the Nampa-based community college meet the needs of its “exponential” growth in enrollment, according to CWI President Bert Glandon.

Responding to Gov. Butch Otter's announcement during Monday's State of the State address that he will recommend an additional \$1 million for the fiscal year 2013 budget, Glandon noted that CWI's growth has led to an inequity in funding among the state's community colleges.

“CWI appreciates the budget recommendations of Gov. Otter and his contin-

ued support of higher education in Idaho. As he noted in his speech, all three community colleges have been collaborating closely to provide high quality educational access to Idaho's communities knowing that this will directly support our economic development,” Glandon said in a prepared statement.

CWI's enrollment for fall 2011 was 8,077, about 2,200 higher than the previous year.

In addition to the \$1 million announced by Otter, CWI will also receive about \$1.4 million in new funding for occupancy costs and enrollment workload adjustment, according to Wayne Hammon, administrator for the Idaho Division of Financial Management.