Tuition dollars may go to state

By Karen G. Raz

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Although Gov. Janet Napolitano’s budget proposal, released early last week, protects the three state universities from funding cuts, administrators and regents are worried that Republican legislators may release a counter-proposal this week that would reduce university funding.

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