

### Modeling the Economic and Demographic Impacts of Higher Education on the Regional Economy in REMI



## Agenda



- Motivation
- Model Structure
- Previous Research of 2008
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- Conclusion
- □ Q & A

## **Motivation**



 Covid-19 has become a major disruption on higher education.

 State cuts not only have begun by putting off spending money but also grown deep.

 Higher education is already taking hits from state cuts due to deep losses in revenue.

## **Motivation**



 Colorado: \$3.1 billion in cuts which would wipe out the state's plans to increase its spending on higher education by 7%.

 Oregon: 8.5% cut over the two-year budget cycle and higher education will lose \$130 million.

Ohio: \$110 million cuts on higher education.

## Motivation



 California: \$2 billion less than planned for the coming year

- 1. The University of California: 290K and \$372 million
- 2. The California State University: 480K and \$404 million
- 3. The California Community Colleges: 2.1M and \$740 million

### **About REMI**



REMI's 40-year history of rigorous academic research and software development has led to the development of the industry standard in macroeconomic research methodology:

#### **Input-Output**

Close analysis of inter-industry relationships

#### **Econometrics**

Advanced statistical analyses underpinning the model



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#### **General Equilibrium**

Estimate of long-run stability of the economy allows for analysis of policy decisions

#### **Economic Geography**

Effects of geographic concentration of labor and

industry













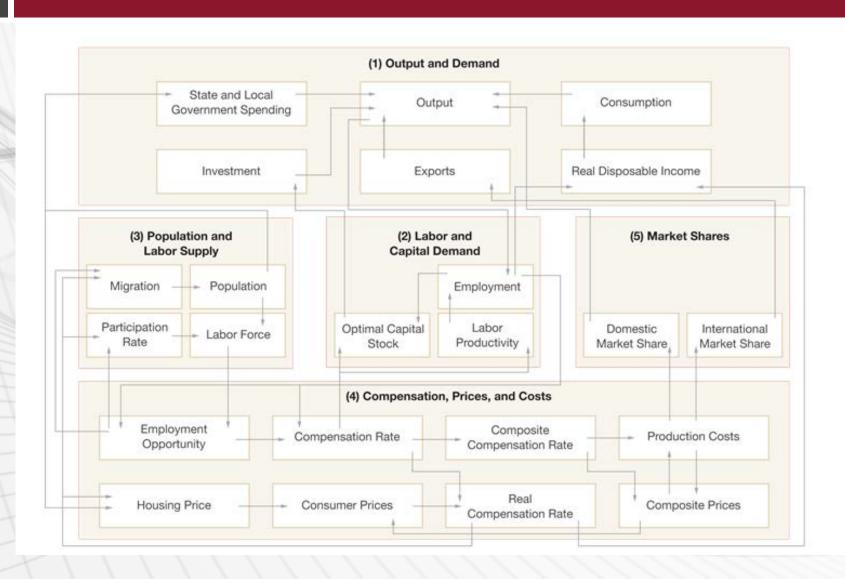






## **Model Structure**





 REMI's 2008 research (OSRHE) analyzes the three benefits of higher education to the state economy.

1. Direct jobs and spending

2. Productivity benefits

3. Visitor and athletics

### Direct Jobs and Spending

1. Faculty and staff employment of state universities, colleges, and technical schools

2. Student spending

3. Construction, operations, and maintenance expenditures

### Productivity

1. The strongest deriving force

2. Higher education prepares students increase their productivity.

Output as a result of the contribution of educated and skilled workers increases.



#### Visitor and Athletics

1. Colleges and universities serve as focal points for cultural and athletic activities.

 Initial investment of one dollar yields \$27.07 over the analysis period make their mark on the economy.

 Graduate productivity itself will account for over 16 percent of the state's economy.

- Creates many new jobs and increases the attractiveness of Oklahoma to others.
- Higher education is moving Oklahoma and its economy toward a future of long-term, sustained competitive advantage.
- □ Income ↑ → Consumption ↑ → demand ↑
  → Output ↑ → Employment ↑ (virtuous circle)

 The average contribution of graduate earnings to employment is 68,184 jobs.

 The Oklahoma higher education system provides enormous economic benefits to the state economy.

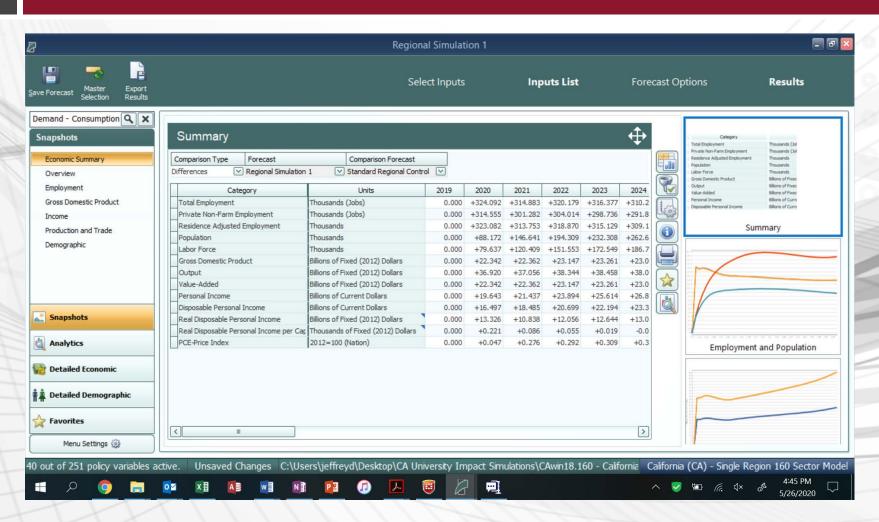
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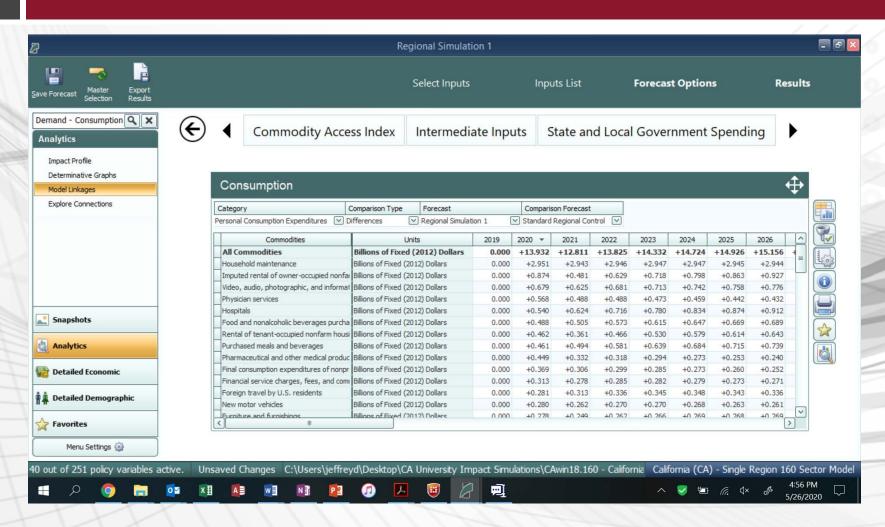
## **Economic Summary**





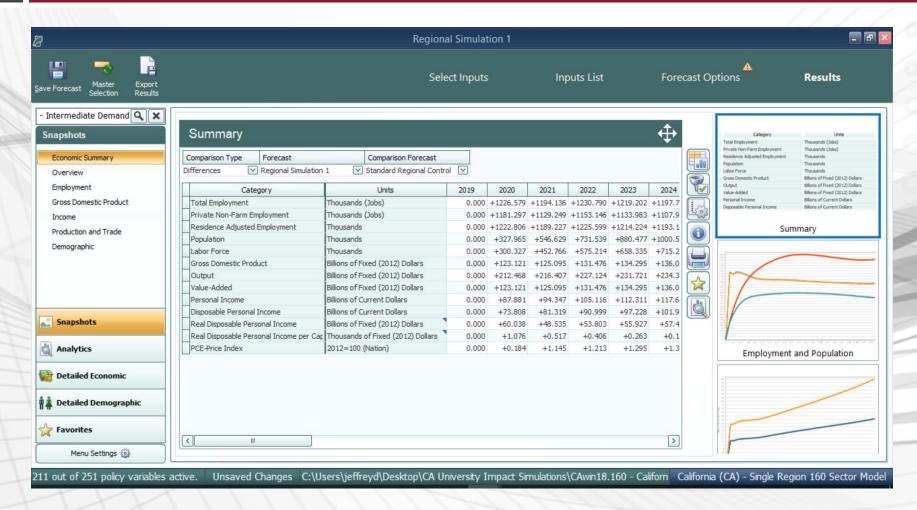
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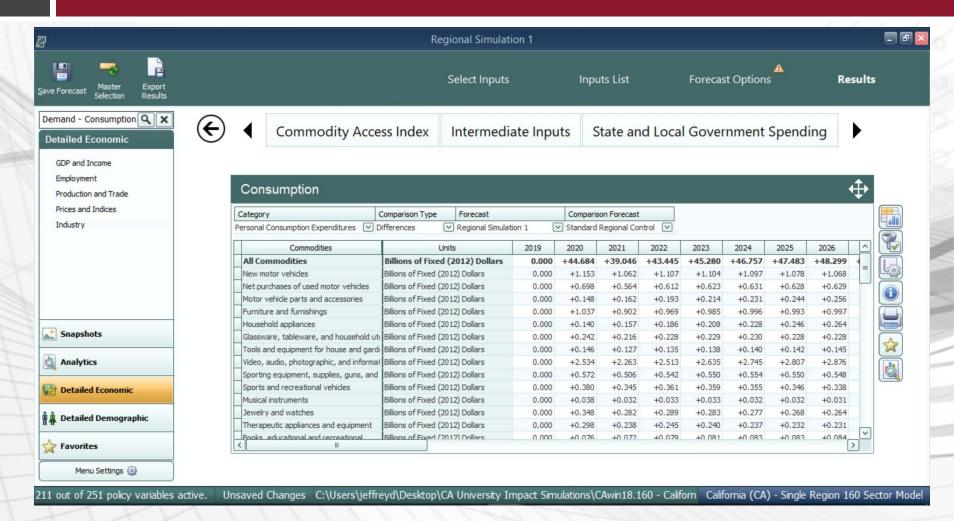
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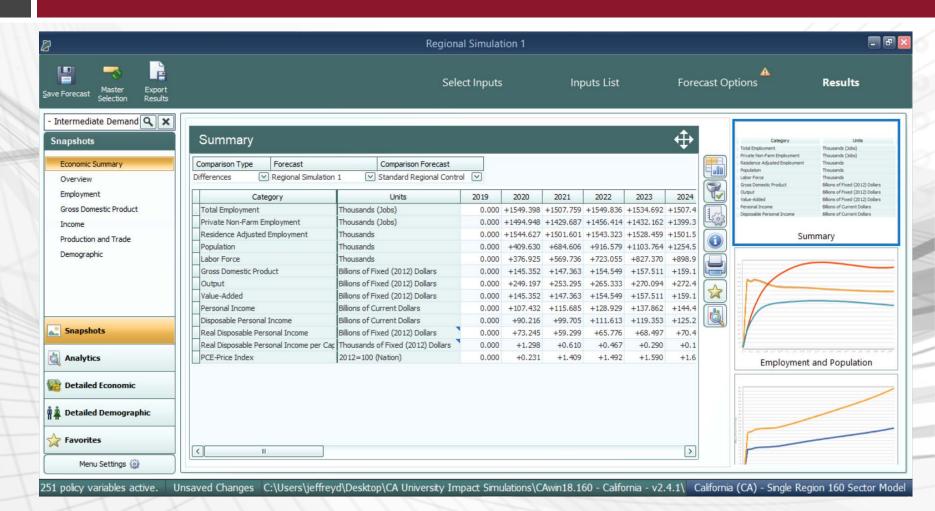
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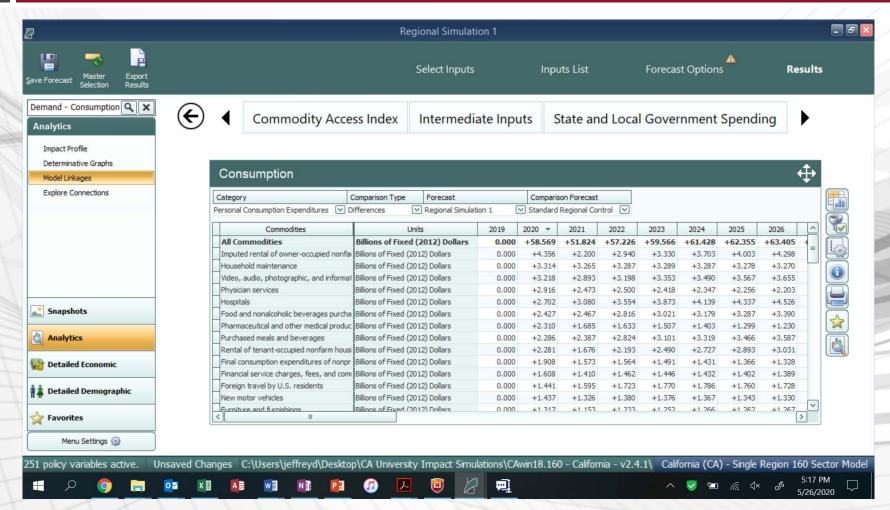
# Economic Summary (Total Impact)





# Consumer Spending (Total Impact)





## Conclusion



- Confirmed that initial investments of higher education paid off.
- Large and growing share of future jobs will require college-educated workers.

 Creating many new jobs and increasing the attractiveness of the region (California) to others.

## Conclusion



- Part of a continued and long-term strategy in building state infrastructure.
- Productivity is the support mechanism for economic growth.
- REMI's model predicts that long-term economic benefits accrue across the economy when the state makes investments in its higher education system.



# Thank you so much!