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Joint Interim

Committee on Appropriations

**Representative Justin Cronin, Chair
Senator Deb Peters, Vice Chair**

**Second Meeting
2015 Interim
June 10, 2015**

**Mickelson Building
Southeast Technical Institute
Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

The second meeting of the Joint Interim Committee on Appropriations for 2015 was called to order by the Chair, **Representative Justin Cronin**, at 2:10 p.m. (CDT) in the Mickelson Building on the campus of the Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, SD.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Representative Justin Cronin, Chair; Representatives David Anderson, Alex Jensen, and Ray Ring; Senators Angie Buhl-O'Donnell, Teri Haverly, Phyllis Heineman, David Omdahl, Scott Parsley, and Jim White. Excused were Representatives Shawn Bordeaux, Dan Dryden, Jean Hunhoff, Jeffrey Partridge, and Fred Romkema; and Senators Deb Peters, Larry Tidemann, and Bill Van Gerpen.

Staff members present included Annie Mehlhaff, Chief Fiscal Analyst; Aaron Olson, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Denice Houlette, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Jason Simmons, Senior Fiscal Analyst; and Stephanie Gruba, Fiscal Analyst.

Others in attendance or participating by phone were staff from the Bureau of Finance and Management; staff from the Department of Education; Mike Cartney, President, Lake Area Technical Institute; Vicki Wiese, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/CAO, Mitchell Technical Institute; Jeff Holcomb, President, Southeast Technical Institute and Mark Wilson, President, Western Dakota Technical Institute.

NOTE: For purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order.

Letter of Intent

At the March 30, 2015, meeting, the Joint Committee on Appropriations approved Letter of Intent C-2, which distributed one million general fund dollars, that would have otherwise reverted to the budget reserve fund, to the four technical institutes based on the FY16 funding formula as per Administrative Rule 24:10:42:28. Chair Cronin requested this Letter of Intent be supplemented with the following:

Draft Letter of Intent – Supplement to Letter C-2

June 10, 2015

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Act: SB55

Department/Agency: Post Secondary Technical Institutes

Reversion Funds Available

As you know, the Joint Committee approved a letter of intent on March 30, 2015, outlining the distribution of one million dollars in general funds to the postsecondary technical institutes. After discussions with the Department of Education and the technical institutes, the Committee wishes to modify the distribution of the available funds.

It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that the one-time funding be used to enhance programs that address high-need workforce areas and be distributed equally among the four technical institutes.

Mr. Dick Tieszen, representing the Technical Institutes of South Dakota, testified in favor of the modified distribution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON, SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE JENSEN, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF INTENT PRESENTED WHICH DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING EQUALLY AMONG THE FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 10 voting AYE, 8 EXCUSED. Those voting AYE: Anderson, Jensen, Ring, Buhl-O'Donnell, Haverly, Heineman, Omdahl, Parsley, White, and Cronin. Those EXCUSED: Bordeaux, Dryden, Hunhoff, Partridge, Romkema, Tidemann, Van Gerpen, and Peters.

Chair Cronin invited the Technical Institute Presidents to detail the uses of the funding and how each will address the workforce needs in their area. Mike Cartney, President, Lake Area Technical Institute; Vicki Wiese, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/CAO, Mitchell Technical Institute; Jeff Holcomb, President, Southeast Technical Institute and Mark Wilson, President, Western Dakota Technical Institute (via telephone), reported on the plans the technical institutes have developed for optimal use of the funding and referred to a report submitted on May 1, 2015, as per earlier directive through a Letter of Intent.

Mike Cartney, President, Lake Area Technical Institute, requested clarification regarding the third paragraph in previously adopted Letter of Intent C-2. The requirement is as follows: "On December 15, 2015, the postsecondary technical institutes must provide an accounting of the expenditure of the funds detailing the program enhancements made and the high-need workforce area addressed." Mr. Cartney asked if the committee wanted all of the funding expended by December 15th, or did the committee simply want an accounting of the portion of the funding that was expended by that date. Chair Cronin clarified that the latter was the intent of the committee.

Adjourn

SENATOR HAVERLY MOVED, SECONDED BY SENATOR HEINEMAN, TO ADJOURN. The motion prevailed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.