



# South Dakota Legislature

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## Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations

Representative Justin Cronin, Chair  
Senator Deb Peters, Vice Chair

March 31, 2015

Commissioner Jason Dilges  
Bureau of Finance and Management  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

### Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2015 Session

Dear Commissioner Dilges:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your appropriation in the 2015 Legislative Session. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 30, 2015.

While the guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

HB1192 provided \$350,000 in general funds to the Bureau of Finance and Management to provide a grant to the Conservation Fund held with the South Dakota Community Foundation. It is the intent of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations that these funds are to be held separately from the endowment fund and are to be used to support program grants. The funds shall also be used to match private contributions and donations received by the Conservation Fund.

Furthermore, it is the intent of the Committee that the bylaws governing the Conservation Fund be updated to reflect the funding structure outlined in HB 1192. The Board of Directors shall provide the updated bylaws to the Committee as soon as possible. The Board of Directors shall also provide documentation of expenditures of the funds provided by HB 1192 to the Committee at a 2015 interim meeting (date to be determined).

Thank you for your cooperation.

/ S / Representative Justin Cronin

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Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

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Vice Chair, Interim Joint Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General