



**Joint Committee on Appropriations**  
SENATOR DEB PETERS, CO-CHAIR  
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April 1, 2016

Dr. Michael Rush, Executive Director  
SD Board of Regents  
306 E. Capitol Ave., Suite 200  
Pierre, SD 57501

**Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2016 Session**

Dear Executive Director Rush:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations related to the funding approved in the FY17 General Appropriations Bill (SB172) and in the FY16 Supplemental General Appropriations Bill (SB48). As such, it supplements the appropriations with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 29, 2016. 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.

SB172 and SB48 impact utility appropriations for institutions within the South Dakota higher education system. The figures included in this legislation are estimates established approximately eight months prior to year-end, based on systems overseen by the Bureau of Finance and Management. It is the intent of the Joint Committee on Appropriations that the universities may realign the appropriated utility dollars between the higher education institutions as necessary to fully fund the utility costs for each institution, to the extent dollars are available. The institutions will prepare transfer documents and submit them to the Bureau of Finance and Management according to established procedures. The Joint Committee on Appropriations will continue to receive an electronic record of these transfers as they occur.

Thank you,

/S/ Senator Deb Peters  
Senator Deb Peters  
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

/S/ Representative Justin Cronin  
Representative Justin Cronin  
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General  
Jason Dilges, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management