



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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May 22, 2019

Dr. Paul B. Beran, Executive Director
Board of Regents
306 E. Capitol Ave., Suite 200
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Letter of Intent Regarding Board of Regents Lean Implementation

Dear Dr. Beran:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2019 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on May 22, 2019.

While the guidance 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.

It is the intent of the Committee to provide funding from the Legislative Priority Pilot Program Contingency Fund for the purpose of conducting a Lean audit of the Board of Regents Central Office. The objective of this audit is to create efficiencies between the universities and the central office by focusing on the key elements of purpose, people, and processes. In order for the JCA to proceed with this project, as per SDCL 4-8A-12, the Executive Board of the Legislature must approve by a majority vote the transfer and expenditure of these monies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Senator John Wiik
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Representative Chris Karr
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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management