



Joint Committee on Appropriations
SENATOR DEB PETERS, CO-CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVE JUSTIN CRONIN, CO-CHAIR

June 10, 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 SB172, An Act to appropriate money for the ordinary expenses of the legislative, judicial, and executive departments of the state, the expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance. 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.

Senate Bill 172 appropriated \$200,000 in general funds to the Board of Regents for the expansion of university research parks. It is the Committee's intent to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance regarding that appropriation. It is the intent of the Committee that one-half of the funding be distributed to the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Research Park in Brookings and one-half of the funding be distributed to the University of South Dakota (USD) Research Park in Sioux Falls to support research park operations. This funding must be a cash match on a 1-to-1 basis. The committee requests that a preliminary report be submitted by December 6, 2016, detailing any expenditures made from the state funds, as well as expenditures and sources of the matching funds. The committee further requests a final report be submitted by June 30, 2017, detailing the above-mentioned information as well as any economic impact the research parks have had on the South Dakota economy. These measures could include, but not be limited to, the number of new jobs created, the amount of state revenue generated, capital investments, infrastructure improvements, and industry interaction.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

/S/ Representative Justin Cronin

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