



Joint Committee on Appropriations  
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May 22, 2019

Dr. Paul B. Beran, Executive Director  
Board of Regents  
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**Letter of Intent Regarding the Realignment of General Funds for Utilities Among Universities Under Control of the Board of Regents**

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.

SB180 impacts utility appropriations for institutions under control of the Board of Regents. The amounts included in the legislation are estimates, based on systems overseen by the Bureau of Finance and Management. It is the intent of the Joint Committee on Appropriations that the institutions may realign the appropriated general fund utility dollars between the 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 for your cooperation.

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

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Representative Chris Karr  
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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