

April 27, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2038

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1350 and 1351 of the Senate Journal and page 1413 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2038 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 5, remove "to the legislative council" and remove the second "a"

Page 1, line 6, replace "study" with "studies"

Page 15, after line 15, insert:

"SECTION 8. STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION - REPORTS TO SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. Each institution under the control of the state board of higher education shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-second legislative assembly regarding:

1. A comparison of the budgeted amounts to actual expenditures by major expenditure type for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
2. A comparison of the budgeted amounts to actual expenditures by major expenditure type through the most recent month available at the time the report is presented to the appropriations committees.

SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - HIGHER EDUCATION.

1. During the 2009-10 interim, the legislative council chairman shall appoint an interim higher education committee to study issues affecting higher education.
2. The interim committee shall hold at least six education summit meetings to discuss topics that may include:
 - a. Alternative uses of institutions and changes to institutional missions;
 - b. Issues affecting two-year campuses;
 - c. Tuition affordability, including a review of tuition reciprocity agreements;
 - d. Accessibility of higher education;
 - e. Workforce needs;
 - f. Contributions to economic development;
 - g. Utilization and capacity of higher education institution facilities;
 - h. Quality of education being delivered; and
 - i. Revenue-neutral policies that would aid in the reduction of student loan debt.

3. The chairman of the interim higher education committee may invite summit topic experts, representatives of the North Dakota university system, the private sector, and students to participate in the summit meetings to provide information to the committee as determined necessary to assist the committee in conducting its study.
4. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly