

**Sorvaag, Ronald G.**

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Senator Sorvaag,

Below is potential language for the interim study of higher education funding. This language would create a new committee with the sole purpose of studying higher education funding. Please let me know of any questions, concerns, or suggested changes.

**SECTION 32. HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the higher education funding review committee is created and composed of thirteen members as follows:
  - a. Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house of representatives and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
  - b. Two members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
  - c. One member of the legislative assembly appointed by the legislative management to serve as the committee chairman;
  - d. Six nonvoting members, including:
    - (1) The university of North Dakota vice president for finance and operations, or a designee of the vice president for finance and operations;
    - (2) The North Dakota state university vice president for finance and administration, or a designee of the vice president for finance and administration;
    - (3) Two representatives from regional four-year universities, including dual-mission institutions, appointed by the state board of higher education;
    - (4) Two representatives from two-year colleges, including polytechnic institutions, appointed by the state board of higher education.
2. The committee shall review funding methods for higher education in the state, including the higher education funding formula, the university system capital building fund, permanent funds distributions, property tax allocations, oil and gas gross production and oil extraction tax revenue allocations, other statutory funds for higher education and research, and other funding appropriated to institutions and entities under the control of the state board of higher education.
3. The committee must receive and consider input from representatives of all higher education institutions under the control of the state board of higher education.
4. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislative management by September 1, 2026.

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