

STATE RELATIONS

SESSION SUMMARY 2018





2018 STATE RELATIONS SESSION SUMMARY

The 2018 Legislative Session convened on February 20, with Republicans continuing to hold a majority in the House and Senate following two special elections. This year also marked DFLer Mark Dayton's last legislative session as governor; he will not seek re-election this fall.

Typically, the legislature focuses on capital investment projects in even numbered years. The House and Senate capital investment committees conducted many tours last summer and fall of proposed bonding projects throughout the state. Additionally, the Budget and Economic Forecast projected a \$329 million surplus, and the governor, Senate, and House pursued a supplemental budget bill.

The University of Minnesota submitted both a capital request and a supplemental budget request to the state. The 2018 Capital Request included four projects: \$200 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR); \$10.5 million for Greater MN Academic Renewal; \$24 million for Pillsbury Hall Capital Renewal; and \$4 million for Glensheen Capital Renewal. The University requested \$10 million in the FY19 supplemental budget to hold tuition steady for resident undergraduate students systemwide.

The legislature passed a bonding bill in the final moments of session, and the governor signed the bill into law; however, no agreement was reached between the legislature and the governor on the supplemental budget. As a result, the governor vetoed the legislature's omnibus supplemental budget bill a few days after the constitutionally mandated adjournment date of May 21. The governor also vetoed an omnibus tax bill designed to conform Minnesota's tax system to newly enacted tax reforms on the federal level.

All Minnesota House seats are up for election this November, and Minnesotans will also elect a new governor. Several members of the House and Senate have announced their intentions to retire or pursue other elected offices. The legislature is scheduled to convene for the 91st legislative session on January 8, 2019.

During the 2018 legislative session, the House introduced 1,819 bills and the Senate 1,672 bills. Over 8,600 bills in total were introduced in the biennium. In the end, this year, 115 bills were passed by the legislature, and the governor signed 100 into law. In total, 23 new laws are relevant to the University. View these new laws at z.umn.edu/legislation.

115

BILLS
passed by the
legislature

100

BILLS
signed into law
by the governor

23

NEW LAWS
are relevant to
the University

Capital Investment

2018

JANUARY

17 Governor Dayton released his bonding recommendations to the legislature. The \$1.5 billion proposal included approximately \$300 million for U of M projects.

FEBRUARY

2018

21 President Eric Kaler held a press conference at the State Capitol outlining the U of M's 2018 Capital Request.

27 Board of Regents Chair Dave McMillan, President Eric Kaler, faculty, and students presented the University's 2018 Capital Request to the House Capital Investment Committee.

2018

MARCH

6 President Kaler, faculty, and students presented the University's 2018 capital request to the House and Senate higher education committees.

7 Vice President of University Services Mike Berthelsen testified in support of the U of M's HEAPR request before the House Higher Education Committee.

MAY

2018

2 House leadership released a \$825 million bonding bill proposal, including \$78.5 million for University of Minnesota projects.

9 Senate leadership released a \$825 million bonding bill proposal, including \$95.4 million for U of M projects.

14 The House passed its version of the bonding bill, 122-5.

16 The Senate bonding bill vote failed 34-33 along party lines.

20 The House and Senate passed a \$825 million bonding bill, including \$79.4 million for U of M projects. The House passed the bill 113-17 and the Senate passed the bill 42-25.

30 Governor Dayton signed the bonding bill into law.

13 Board of Regents Chair Dave McMillan and Executive Director of Glensheen Dan Hartman testified in support of the Glensheen Capital Renewal project before the House Capital Investment Committee.

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BONDING TOURS
were held at the Crookston,
Duluth, and Twin Cities
campuses before session

2018 Capital Request Proposal Comparison

Project Name	Project Total	University/ Non-State Investment	Request	Governor	House	Senate	Conference Committee	Final
Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement	\$200.0	—	\$200.0	\$250.0	\$40.0	\$65.0	\$45.0	\$45.0
Greater MN Academic Renewal	\$15.8	\$5.3	\$10.5	\$10.5	\$10.5	\$6.4**	\$6.4**	\$6.4**
Pillsbury Hall Capital Renewal	\$36.0	\$12.0	\$24.0	\$24.0	\$24.0	\$24.0	\$24.0	\$24.0
Glensheen Capital Renewal	\$8.0	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$4.0	\$4.0	—	\$4.0	\$4.0
Non-requested items	—	—	—	\$10.0*	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	\$259.8	\$21.3	\$238.5	\$298.5	\$78.5	\$95.4	\$79.4	\$79.4

*\$10 million for a Clinical Research Facility at the Academic Health Center

**\$6.4 million for Dowell Hall and Owen Hall at Crookston, and Humanities Building and Blakely Hall at Morris

Dollar amounts are in millions and rounded up.

Projects are listed in prioritized order.

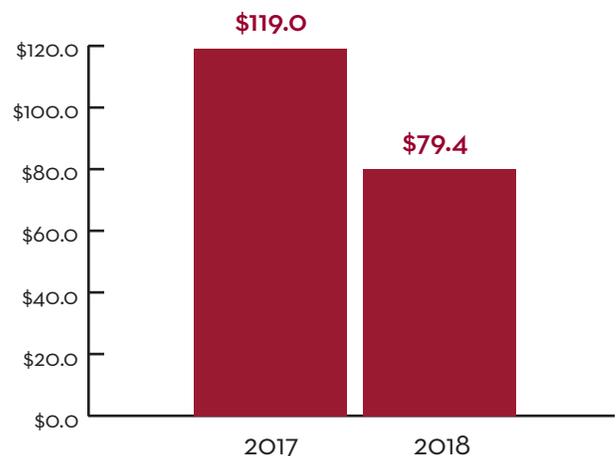
CHAPTER 214—House File 4425

The capital investment bill, Chapter 214—H.F. 4425, appropriates \$79.4 million for the following four University of Minnesota projects:

- Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement - **\$45 million**
- Greater MN Academic Renewal* - **\$6.4 million**
- Pillsbury Hall Capital Renewal - **\$24 million**
- Glensheen Capital Renewal - **\$4 million**

*For Dowell Hall and Owen Hall on the Crookston campus, and Humanities Building and Blakely Hall on the Morris campus.

U of M Capital Investment



The U of M received \$198.4 million in capital investment for the 2017-18 legislative biennium.

■ U of M Received

Dollar amounts are in millions and rounded up.

CHAPTER 214—House File 4425 (cont.)

The capital investment bill also appropriates a total of \$14.8 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the following University of Minnesota projects:

- County Geologic Atlases – Part A - **\$1,240,000**
- Providing Critical Water-Quality Information for Lake Management - **\$250,000**
- Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas – Phase 2 - **\$350,000**
- Peatland Forest Management - **\$600,000**
- Assessing Natural Resource Benefits Provided by Lichens and Mosses - **\$213,000**
- Develop a System to Assess Wildlife Health Threats in Minnesota - **\$280,000**
- Conserving Minnesota’s Forest Birds of Management Concern - **\$500,000**
- Mapping Avian Movement in Minnesota - **\$200,000**
- Improve Trout-Stream Management by Understanding Variable Winter Thermal Conditions - **\$400,000**
- Assess and Develop Strategies to Remove Microscopic Plastic-Particle Pollution from Minnesota Water Bodies - **\$300,000**
- Reduce Chlorides in Minnesota Waters by Evaluating Road-Salt Alternatives and Pavement Innovations - **\$400,000**
- Develop Small and Inexpensive Purification System for Community Drinking Water - **\$425,000**
- Evaluate Emerging Pathogens in Lakes, Rivers, and Tap Water to Keep Drinking Water Safe - **\$325,000**
- Mapping Antibiotic Resistance in Minnesota to Help Protect Environmental, Animal, and Human Health - **\$750,000**
- Farmer-Led Expansion of Alfalfa Production to Increase Water Protection - **\$500,000**
- Pollinator Ambassadors Program for Gardens - **\$250,000**
- Morris Prairie Pollinator Demonstration Area and Education - **\$550,000**
- Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center – Phase 4 - **\$3,500,000**
- Install and Evaluate an Invasive Carp Deterrent for Mississippi River Locks and Dams - **\$998,000**
- Develop Solar Window Concentrators for Electricity - **\$350,000**
- Demonstrations for Community-Scale Storage Systems for Renewable Energy - **\$550,000**
- Develop Inexpensive Energy from Simple Roll-to-Roll Manufacturing - **\$300,000**
- Develop Biomulch to Replace Plastic Soil Covering in Vegetable and Fruit Production to Increase Yield and Reduce Waste - **\$310,000**
- Agricultural Weed Control Using Autonomous Mowers - **\$750,000**
- Develop Strategies for Timber Harvest to Minimize Soil Impacts to Maintain Healthy and Diverse Forests - **\$200,000**
- Preserving Minnesota’s Native Orchids - Phase 2 - **\$259,000**
- Expand Materials Reuse and Recycling Jobs Program - **\$135,000**



The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF), generated from Minnesota State Lottery revenue, may be used “for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state’s air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.”

32%
of this year's
ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS
will fund UMN projects

FY19 Supplemental Budget Request

FEBRUARY

2018

28 Minnesota Management and Budget released its Budget and Economic Forecast projecting a \$329 million surplus for the remainder of the FY 2018-19 biennium.

2018

MARCH

8 The Board of Regents approved the U of M's FY19 supplemental budget request - \$10 million to hold tuition flat for undergraduate residents in the 2018-19 academic year.

16 Governor Dayton announced his supplemental budget recommendations, including \$10 million for the U of M tuition relief.

APRIL

2018

12 The House released its supplemental budget targets, including \$5 million for higher education. The Senate did not release targets this session.

26 The Senate passed its omnibus supplemental budget bill along party lines, 34-31, without U of M tuition relief funding. The House passed its education budget bill, including \$500,000 for U of M tuition relief, 94-29.

27 President Eric Kaler and students presented the University's FY19 Supplemental Budget Request to the House Higher Education Committee.

29 Senior Vice President of Finance and Operations Brian Burnett and students presented the University's FY19 Supplemental Budget Request to the Senate Higher Education Committee.

2018

MAY

19 The conference committee on the supplemental budget bill passed its report without funding for U of M tuition relief.

20 The House and Senate passed a \$990 million omnibus supplemental budget bill. The House passed the bill 76-49 and the Senate passed the bill 35-32.

23 Governor Dayton vetoed the omnibus supplemental budget bill.

Project Name	University Request	Governor	House	Senate	Conference Committee	S.F. 943	Final
Resident undergraduate tuition relief	\$10	\$10	\$0.5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Dollar amounts are in millions

Advocacy

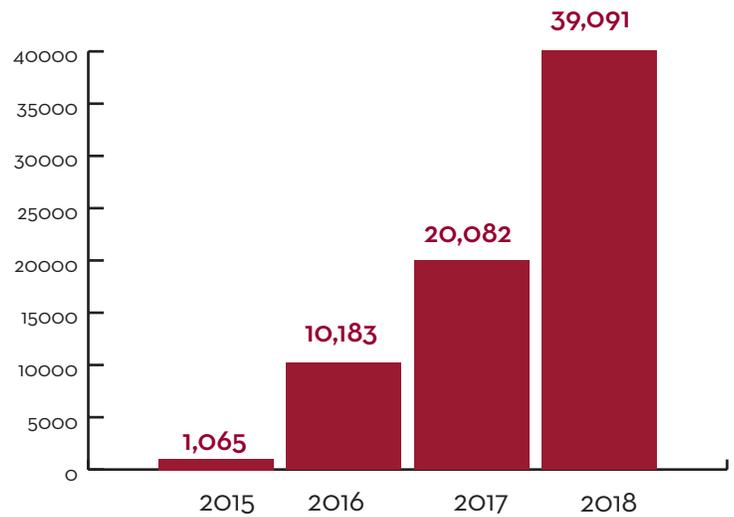
39,091

MESSAGES

were sent by UMN Advocates
to legislators and the governor

nearly double the number of
messages last year

Number of Contacts



Twitter

#renewUMN

tweeted 2.6K times

January 5

301 advocates tweeted @GovMarkDayton to support U of M's Capital Request and #renewUMN trended locally

March 8

125 advocates tweeted @GovMarkDayton to support U of M's supplemental request

April 10

575+ advocates tweeted for Support the U Day and #renewUMN trended locally

May 15

40% of legislators with an active Twitter account received a direct tweet from a constituent

Events

FEBRUARY

2018

13 Health Sciences Education Center (HSEC) Groundbreaking: Governor Dayton, legislators, and media toured the future site of the new state-of-the-art facility for health sciences training. The University received \$66.7 million for the HSEC in the 2017 bonding bill.

22 Legislative Kickoff Events: Each campus hosted its own advocacy event to kick off the start of the legislative session. More than 500 students, faculty, and staff attended systemwide.

2018

MARCH

2 U of M Alumni Association Intern and Alumni Breakfast: Legislators and legislative staff who attended the University networked with current students interning at the State Capitol. Approximately 50 alumni and students attended.

14 U of M Food Day at the Capitol: CFANS, Extension, Vet Med students, researchers, and educators showcased how their work supports Minnesota's food systems. Nearly 20 legislators attended.

APRIL

2018

10 Support the U Day: More than 150 UMN Advocates rallied in the Capitol rotunda and visited with their elected officials. The day ended with an ice cream social with legislators.

17 Glensheen Day: Advocates visited the State Capitol to share the historical significance of Glensheen and urged legislators to support the project.

21 Curing Cancer in Minnesota: The U of M and the American Cancer Society Action Network hosted a conversation between researchers, patients, and legislators to discuss the Minnesota Cancer Clinical Trials Network, promising research, and personal stories. Nearly 30 legislators attended.

Media

Throughout the legislative session, **President Kaler, U of M officials, students, and alumni advocated for the University in interviews to the media**, including MPR, Star Tribune, KSTP-TV, Forum News Service and the Minnesota Daily. **Through op-eds, the University's story was also told in targeted outlets across the state**, including Duluth News Tribune, Winona Daily News, Rochester Post Bulletin, and the Brainerd Dispatch.

15
**OP-EDS & LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**
in 11 different newspapers

Mandated Reports

The legislature requires one-time, annual, and biennial reports from the University, often tied to state appropriations.

8
**MANDATED
REPORTS**
submitted this year

Fiscal Notes

Fiscal notes are requested by legislators to help them understand the fiscal implications of legislation. A fiscal note estimates the expenditures and revenue that will result from the implementation of proposed legislation.

11
**FISCAL NOTE
REQUESTS**
received this session

2017-18 Legislative Biennium

The 2017-18 legislative biennium has come to a close with a record number of House bill introductions and a near-record number of Senate bill introductions.

4,283
HOUSE BILLS

3,846
SENATE BILLS

475
BILLS TRACKED
by UMN state relations

2%
OF ALL BILLS
BECAME LAW

Retirements

The following representatives will not seek re-election this November.

Title	Name	District	Party	Hometown
Representative	Susan Allen	62B	DFL	Minneapolis
Representative	Jon Applebaum	44B	DFL	Minnetonka
Representative	David Bly	20B	DFL	Northfield
Representative	Karen Clark	62A	DFL	Minneapolis
Representative	Matt Dean	38B	R	Willernie
Representative	Joe Hoppe	47B	R	Chaska
Representative	Clark Johnson	19A	DFL	North Mankato
Representative	Sheldon Johnson	67B	DFL	St. Paul
Representative	Joyce Peppin	34A	R	Rogers
Representative	Paul Rosenthal	49B	DFL	Edina
Representative	Linda Slocum	50A	DFL	Richfield
Representative	Paul Thissen	61B	DFL	Minneapolis
Representative	Mark Uglem	36A	R	Champlin
Representative	JoAnn Ward	53A	DFL	Woodbury
Representative	Abigail Whelan	35A	R	Ramsey

Pursuing Another Elected Office

The following legislators are seeking election to a new office this November. Representatives will lose their House seats; however, senators will retain their current Senate seat if not elected to a new office.

Title	Name	District	Party	Hometown	Office Pursued
Senator	Michelle Fischbach	13	R	Paynesville	Lieutenant Governor
Representative	Peggy Flanagan	46A	DFL	St. Louis Park	Lieutenant Governor
Representative	Debra Hilstrom	40B	DFL	Brooklyn Center	Attorney General
Senator	Karin Housley	39	R	St. Mary's Point	US Senator
Representative	Erin Maye Quade	57A	DFL	Apple Valley	Lieutenant Governor
Representative	Jason Metsa	6B	DFL	Virginia	US House, 8th District
Representative	Erin Murphy	64A	DFL	St. Paul	Governor
Senator	Carla Nelson	26	R	Rochester	US House, 1st District
Representative	Jim Newberger	15B	R	Becker	US Senator
Representative	Ilhan Omar	60B	DFL	Minneapolis	US House, 5th District
Senator	Patricia Torres Ray	63	DFL	Minneapolis	US House, 5th District

Government and Community Relations advances the interests of the entire University of Minnesota system at the Capitol in Saint Paul, in Washington, D.C., and among our community partners and neighbors.

State Relations

State Relations promotes the interests of all five University of Minnesota campuses with our elected officials in St. Paul and with other organizations around the state. We increase support for the University's mission by illuminating the University's contributions to research, education, public service, and the economy.

Federal Relations

Federal Relations advances the University of Minnesota's interests at the federal level. We monitor the federal budget and major spending bills—as well as agencies that provide significant funding for U of M research—and nurture relationships with our members in Congress and our colleagues in higher education associations.

Community and Local Government Relations

Community and Local Government Relations works to strengthen the University's relationships with local and regional partners in order to improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods and communities that are home to the University's campuses.

UMN Advocates

UMN Advocates helps U of M supporters stay informed about higher education, politics, and the legislative process, and it engages students, alumni, staff, and community members to help build a stronger U of M for years to come.