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The Honorable Jason Rarick, Vice Chair Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee 2103 Minnesota Senate Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen, Chair **Environment & Natural Res. Finance Committee** 3207 Minnesota Senate Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Greg Clausen, Ranking Member Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee 2233 Minnesota Senate Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Patricia Torres Ray, Ranking Member **Environment & Natural Res. Finance Committee** 2225 Minnesota Senate Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

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The Honorable Marion O'Neill, Ranking Member Higher Education Finance & Policy Division 357 State Office Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

The Honorable Josh Heintzeman, Ranking Member Environment & Natural Res. Finance Division 353 State Office Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Chairs, Vice Chair, and Ranking Members:

Minnesota Statute 137.022, subdivision 4(d) requires the University of Minnesota to submit a report on the Permanent University Fund (PUF) to both the education and environment and natural resources committees of the Minnesota Legislature:

The Board of Regents must report to the education committees of the legislature biennially at the time of the submission of its budget request on the disbursement of money from the endowed scholarship account and to the environment and natural resources committees on the use of the mineral research account.

Pursuant to this requirement, the University of Minnesota respectfully submits the report for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021 and 2022 for your review.

As additional context, Minnesota Statute 137.022 dedicates revenue credited to the PUF to four accounts: The Endowed Chair, Mineral Research, Scholarship, and Mesabi Range. Investment management of this fund is under the jurisdiction of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Fund income is statutorily appropriated to the University annually. Distributions are based on a rolling average as all University endowment accounts utilize a rolling average for distributions.

If there are any questions with the attached report, please contact me at SVPFO@UMN.EDU

Sincerely.

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Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations

Permanent University Fund, Biennial Report

Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 1370.022, subdivision 4(d)

Per the requirements in Minnesota Statute 3.197, the cost to prepare this report was approximately \$500 Prepared by Julie Tonneson, University of Minnesota Budget Office

Market Value & Distributions

The total value of the Permanent University Fund (PUF) as of June 30, 2022, was \$918,686,884, up from \$881,781,110 on June 30, 2021. These market values include PUF funds held in departmental chair accounts supporting identified PUF endowed chairs; funds held centrally to support new allocations for PUF chairs; and funds within the Endowed Mineral Research, Endowed Scholarship, and Mesabi Range Accounts. Minnesota Statute (M.S.) 137.022 requires the University of Minnesota to submit the following report:

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The table below provides specific information on the Endowed Scholarship and Mineral Research Accounts for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021 and 2022.

	FY 2021		FY 2022	
Total Market Value:				
Endowed Mineral Research Account	\$104,536,257		\$109,164,385	
Endowed Scholarship Account	\$158,324,341		\$165,333,826	
Income Distribution:				
Endowed Mineral Research Account	\$	3,245,826	\$	3,586,400
Endowed Scholarship Account:	\$	4,873,610	\$	5,431,746
UM Crookston Scholarships	\$	185,197	\$	206,406
UM Duluth Scholarships	\$	1,179,414	\$	1,243,870
UM Morris Scholarships	\$	165,703	\$	162,952
UM Rochester Scholarships	\$	68,230	\$	86,908
UM Twin Cities Scholarships	\$	3,275,066	\$	3,731,610

Per State Statute, distributions from the Scholarship account are made to each campus based on the enrollment of Minnesota residents on each campus. Each campus utilizes this funding to provide scholarships to students who are Minnesota residents. Students from any part of the state are eligible. Initially one-year awards, many are now four-year commitments. Each campus has discretion in determining the award amount and structure.

Mineral Research Account Use

Per M.S. 137.022, subdivision 4(d), the University is also required to report on the use of the Mineral Research Account funds. These funds are allocated to the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) for mineral and mineral-related research at the Duluth and Coleraine facilities and totaled \$3,245,826 in FY 2021 and \$3,586,400 in FY 2022. For FY 2021, NRRI's spending of the Mineral Research Account funds can be classified as follows: 62 percent on research personnel, 11 percent on equipment, and 27 percent on other operating costs. In fiscal year 2022, NRRI's spending included 60 percent on research personnel, three percent on equipment, and 37 percent on other operating costs.