Undoubtedly, the University would not be a successful, cutting-edge institution without the help and support of the State of Minnesota. State funding drives innovative research and outreach to all corners of the state, and holds down student tuition. And at 17% of our budget, and state funding is key to the operations of the University.

This is why our partnership with the State, and the actions of the Governor and State Legislature, are so important to our mission. Without their support, we could not keep Minnesota’s economy moving forward, provide the needed health care services and training for our medical professionals, and help agricultural producers across the state flourish and innovate.

And, our team could not succeed without the help of all of you: our 26,000 University employees, our students, and our advocates across the state, who gave their time and energy in support of the University. Thank you, to all.

In the following pages you’ll find the University’s 2017 State Relations Session Summary—a high-level review of our efforts to represent your interests and needs before our State elected leaders. From the capital request to the final budget negotiations, this document summarizes the timelines, advocacy efforts, and final resolution of the recently completed session.

Again, thank you to all who contributed time, ideas, and effort into the success of the University of Minnesota at the Capitol this session. We appreciate it.

J.D. Burton
Chief Government Relations Officer
3 Minnesota Legislature convened in the newly renovated and beautiful State Capitol.

4 Governor Mark Dayton released his capital investment recommendations to the legislature. The $1.5 billion proposal included $154.7 million for University of Minnesota projects.

24 Governor Dayton released his FY18-19 budget proposal to the Minnesota Legislature. The $45.8 billion, two-year proposal focused on four areas: jobs, education, government reform, and quality of life. The proposal included $96.8 million in new funding for the University of Minnesota.

28 The budget forecast projected a $1.65 billion surplus for the 2018-19 biennium, $250 million higher than the November forecast. Governor revised his budget recommendations; however, no changes were made regarding the University.

28 The House and Senate leadership announced joint legislative targets, providing $45.95 billion for the biennial budget, including $1.5 billion in tax reductions.

18 The House and Senate announce conference committee members for omnibus budget bills.

13 Legislative leadership filed a lawsuit against the governor to determine the constitutionality of his line-item veto in court. It is unclear if there will be another special session this year. The legislature is scheduled to reconvene for regular session on February 20, 2018.

22 The legislature’s constitutionally mandated adjournment date. The governor and legislative leadership reached an agreement just before midnight, but but ran out of time to process the legislation. The legislature adjourned.

23 At 12:01 a.m. the governor called for a one-day special session.

26 The legislature adjourned after a four-day special session, three days longer than the agreement. The legislature passed all remaining budget bills, including a bonding bill. In sum, the legislature passed a $46 billion biennial budget and $988 million bonding bill.

30 Governor Dayton signed twelve budget bills into law, including the higher education and bonding bill. Initially, he announced that he would allow the tax bill to become law without his signature, but changed course and signed it after receiving advice from counsel. The governor also line-item vetoed the House and Senate’s budgets, calling on the legislature to address five items in a special session: tobacco tax; estate tax exclusion; business property tax; driver’s licenses; and teacher licensure. The House and Senate have small budget reserves, but not enough dollars for a full biennium.
## BUDGET PROPOSALS & FINAL OUTCOME

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Dollar amounts in millions

The House proposal includes $600,000 for a program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and $1.5 million for tuition assistance on the Morris campus. The conference committee proposal and S.F. 943 include $50,000 for a program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, $1 million for tuition assistance on the Morris campus, and a $376,000 reduction in the base adjustment for the Bell Museum.

## BUDGET REQUEST TESTIFIERS

### Support core missions

**Brian Burnett**, senior vice president, Finance and Operations

### Invest in student success

**Karen Hanson**, executive vice president and provost, Academic Affairs, and **Harrison Nguyen**, U of M student

### Restore critical health training and services

**Dr. Brooks Jackson**, Medical School dean and vice president, Health Sciences, and **Dr. Lauren Williams**, Family Medicine resident physician

### Expand MnDRIVE

**Dr. Brooks Jackson**, Medical School dean and vice president, Health Sciences, and **Dr. Jerrold Vitek**, professor and chair, Department of Neurology

### Advance NRRI applied research

**Rolf Weberg**, executive director, Natural Resources Research Institute

### Support the Bell Museum’s expanded programming

**Denise Young**, executive director, Bell Museum

Doug Huebsch, partner at New Life Farms, and U of M student 

Elizabeth Hazekamp testified in support of the full request.

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### Higher Education Bill

**Senate File 943 - Chapter 89**

On May 30, the higher education bill was signed into law, providing **$54.62 million** in new state funding in FY18-19 for the University of Minnesota.
Governor Mark Dayton recommended $96.8 million in FY18-19 for five of the University of Minnesota’s requested budget items. This proposal amounted to 66% of the University’s request.

Senior Vice President for Finance and Budget Operations Brian Burnett and Budget Director Julie Tonneson presented the University’s budget request to the House Ways and Means Committee. The presentation included an overview of the University’s budget trends and an update on performance measures.

President Eric Kaler presented the University’s budget request to the Senate higher education committee.

House leadership proposed a $148 million spending target for higher education in FY18-19.

Senate leadership proposed a $100 million spending target for higher education in FY18-19.

The Senate passed a higher education bill providing $29.6 million in new state funding for the University in FY18-19.

The House passed a higher education bill providing $21.1 million in new state funding for the University in FY18-19.

President Kaler sent a letter to the conference committee chairs outlining the University’s positions on the bills.

Legislative leadership announced its joint budget targets. The higher education target provided $125 million in new spending, a compromise between the House and Senate positions.

The higher education conference committee announced its higher education budget agreement and proposed $18.67 million in new state funding for the University in FY18-19.

The House and Senate passed the higher education bill (S.F. 2214). Governor Dayton vetoed the bill on the same day.

One day before the constitutionally mandated end of session, legislative leaders and the governor reached an agreement on the higher education budget bill. The Senate passed the bill 39-28 and the House passed the bill 78-54.

On May 30, the governor signed the bill (S.F. 943) into law.
On May 30, the capital investment bill was signed into law, providing $119.9 million for four University of Minnesota projects.

- Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (systemwide)
- Chemistry and Advanced Materials Science Building (U of M Duluth)
- Health Sciences Education Facility (U of M Twin Cities)
- Plant Growth Research Facility (U of M Twin Cities)

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Dollar amounts in millions and rounded up. Projects are listed in prioritized order.
4 Governor Dayton released his capital investment recommendations, totaling $1.5 billion. The recommendations included $154.7 million for four of the U of M projects.

8  Interim Vice President for University Services Mike Berthelsen and Assistant Vice President Brian Swanson presented the U of M’s HEAPR request to the House Capital Investment Committee.

30 Senate Capital Investment Committee passed a bill including $81.6 million for three U of M projects.

1 President Eric Kaler and Interim Vice President for University Services Mike Berthelsen presented the U of M’s HEAPR request to the Senate Capital Investment and Senate Higher Education committees. The House Capital Investment Committee proposed $30 million for U of M HEAPR projects.

16 The Ways and Means Committee amended the House capital investment bill to raise the total cost of the bill from $600 million to $800 million. The amendment included $28.3 million for the Chemistry and Advanced Materials Science Building, raising the total funding for University projects to $58.3 million.

17 The House voted on its capital investment bill, but did not garner the requisite 2/3 supermajority vote needed.

22 In the final hour of the legislative session, Governor Dayton and legislative leaders reached a capital investment bill agreement.

25 In a special session, the House and Senate passed a capital investment bill, including $119.9 million for four U of M request projects.

30 Governor Dayton signed the capital investment bill into law (House File 5 – Chapter 8).
ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

Throughout the course of the session, University staff, students, and faculty testified on various issues in support of the University’s request. Government Relations is grateful for their continued help and support.

On January 19, University of Minnesota students and faculty groups were invited to testify in front of the Senate Higher Education Committee.

- Minnesota Student Association Director of Government and Legislative Affairs William Dammann testified on the role of MSA and how state higher education funding has expanded his undergraduate experiences and opportunities at the U of M.
- Michael Oakes, epidemiology professor in the School of Public Health, and Donna Spannaus-Martin, professor of medical laboratory sciences, spoke about the Faculty Consultative Committee and the statewide importance of their work at the University.

In late January, President Eric Kaler, Provost Karen Hanson, Senior Vice President for Finance and Budget Operations Brian Burnett, and Budget Director Julie Tonneson presented the House and Senate higher education committees with an overview of the University of Minnesota. The presentation emphasized the U of M’s statewide impact and vision to drive Minnesota forward.

On January 31, William Dammann, Minnesota Student Association director of government and legislative affairs, testified in front of the House Higher Education Committee on how state funding allows unique learning opportunities at the University. He also spoke about how he appreciates the University’s great faculty and research.

On February 21, College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Trevor Ames testified to the House Capital Investment Committee on two University of Minnesota capital investment projects funded by the 2015 special session bonding bill.

- The first project, the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory, is complete. Dean Ames explained the project was fast-tracked to improve the state’s ability to respond to highly pathogenic diseases.
- The second project, the Veterinary Isolation Facility, is currently under construction and will be open in the fall of 2017. Dean Ames explained the new facility will replace three obsolete labs built in 1958. This new facility will allow Minnesota to become a leader in infectious diseases research and will protect the health of Minnesotans and livestock.

On February 23, House Agriculture Finance Committee heard presentations from three Twin Cities campus deans:

- College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences Dean Brian Buhr
- Extension Dean Beverly Durgan
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Trevor Ames

Each dean highlighted the statewide impact of their college’s research, teaching, and services, and the value of state investment in these programs.

On February 9, the Senate Higher Education Committee met jointly with the Senate Aging and Long Term Care Committee to hear about workforce training and helping people age in place.

- School of Public Health Dean John Finnegan provided an overview of the Academic Health Center and health professional training and education.
- Dr. Jim Pacala, professor and associate head in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, presented on his research as a geriatrician.
- Dr. Diane Treat-Jacobson, professor in the School of Nursing, presented on her research on how to help people stay in their homes longer.
UMN Advocates

This year, the University’s legislative advocacy program was re-branded as UMN Advocates. The group comprises alumni, faculty, staff, students, and community members who engage with their elected officials through action alerts or have attended events, shared their stories showcasing their U support, written letters to elected officials, or participated in other advocacy efforts.

UMN Advocates grew 16.1% to over 19,000 active email users. Weekly updates were sent throughout the legislative session to encourage ongoing advocacy at the Capitol.

Legislative Action Kickoff

On January 25, over 350 University of Minnesota students, faculty, alumni, staff, and supporters attended the Legislative Kickoff Breakfast at McNamara Alumni Center.

The purpose of the event was to demonstrate the importance of sharing your U of M story with legislators. Attendees wrote postcards to their elected officials, signed up for the Legislative Action Network, and shared their stories on social media.
Support the U Day

On March 1, nearly 200 students, alumni, faculty, and staff visited the State Capitol to attend Support the U Day. Advocates kicked the day off with a rally in the Capitol rotunda, featuring Coach P.J. Fleck, President Kaler, and others. Then advocates met with their lawmakers throughout the afternoon. Finally, several students attended the House higher education hearing on the University’s budget request. Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed March 1 as Support the U Day in Minnesota.

Legislative newsletters

With a University presence in all 201 legislative districts across the state, the University sought to identify key stories and items of interest for specific legislators and specific regions of the state.

Eighteen newsletters were created this session to highlight University students, events, and outreach in communities around the state. Each legislator received three distinct newsletters relevant to the district they represent. A special thanks to Extension, which played a key role in creating the content for these newsletters.

Media

The University continues to effectively and frequently promote the U of M’s legislative requests through the media, including the use of editorials, opinion pieces, and letters to the editor.

On January 10, President Kaler hosted a press conference that included U of M undergrad Lauren Twomey, as well as MnDRIVE researchers Paige Novak and Bernadette Gillick. The press conference was one of the very first events to be held in the newly renovated Capitol’s press conference room and served to introduce media to the University’s request and its impact on Minnesota’s students, families, economy, and well-being. Capitol reporters from Star Tribune, Pioneer Press, Forum News Service, KSTP, AP, MPR, MN Daily, MinnPost and Fox 9 attended.

Advocates from across the University wrote op-eds and letters to the editor in support of the University’s legislative request. Throughout the session, more than 30 op-eds and letters in 24 different Minnesota newspapers were published in support of state funding for the University. Authors included cancer survivors, physicians, students, researchers, alumni, chancellors, regents, and more.

FISCAL NOTES

Fiscal notes are requested by legislators to help them understand the fiscal implications of legislation. A fiscal note estimates the costs, savings, and revenue gain or loss resulting from the implementation of proposed legislation, and helps guide legislators in their decision-making processes. Throughout the 2017 legislative session, a total 31 fiscal notes were requested of the University. U of M staff spent an average of four hours on each fiscal note.
Legislative Advocacy Day on Twitter

Social media is quickly growing into the easiest and most effective ways to communicate directly with elected officials. After the November elections, @UMNGovRelations congratulated new legislators via Twitter, sharing infographics about the University of Minnesota’s impact in their districts. Many new legislators responded positively to the targeted messaging. In December, Government and Community Relations launched a new Twitter handle, @UMNAdvocates, to facilitate and expand the University’s advocacy efforts.

Throughout the legislative session, both of the Government Relations Twitter accounts tweeted GIFs in support of the requests, which attracted likes and retweets from advocates and legislators alike. @UMNGovRelations continued to tweet key legislators with infographics and stories highlighting the University’s impact in their individual districts.

1,138 uses of #Driven4MN

44% of the 4/24 tweets using #mnleg were in support of the U of M

20% of MN legislators with an active Twitter account were tweeted at directly from a constituent in support of the U of M

#Driven4MN trended locally on Twitter all day on April 24, 2017

Top engaged tweets from owned accounts
We’ve prepared a quick overview of a few major bills to help you better understand what happened this session and how it affects the University. *Note: Base funding refers to ongoing funding that has previously been appropriated in statute – it is not new funding.*

## Higher Education

The higher education bill, S.F. 943 – Chapter 89, appropriates $1.3 billion to the University of Minnesota for FY18-19, providing $54.62 million in new funding for the biennium. This is the major funding bill for the University for the biennium. The bill also includes several policy provisions that will impact the University. New funding and base funding are noted in the provisions below.

### Operations and Maintenance

The bill provides approximately $1.17 billion to the University of Minnesota in FY18-19 for operations and maintenance. The operations and maintenance appropriation includes new funding for the following provisions:

- $14 million in FY18-19 for health training restoration
- $4 million in FY18-19 for MnDRIVE cancer research
- $50,000 in FY18 for planning a program for students with academic and developmental disabilities.
- $1 million in FY18-19 for tuition assistance for Morris campus

The operations and maintenance appropriation continues existing base funding for the following ongoing provision:

- $30 million in FY18-19 to the Medical School to increase research capacity and rankings, develop new cures and treatments, provide physician training for rural and underserved communities, and attract and retain top faculty, staff, and students.

The appropriation will provide $27.95 million for core missions in FY18-19.

### Primary Care Education Initiatives

The bill appropriates $4.3 million in FY18-19 to primary care education initiatives at the University of Minnesota.

### Agriculture and Extension Services

The law appropriates approximately $85.8 in FY18-19 to the University of Minnesota agricultural and Extension services. This includes funding for agricultural advisory groups focused on research and transfer strategies to benefit producers; research and outreach on renewable energy from Minnesota biomass resources; agricultural and food systems projects at the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; and research on the needs of Minnesota’s agricultural community. By February 1, 2019, the Board of Regents must submit outcome reports of these initiatives and projects to the agriculture and higher education committees.

### Health Sciences

The bill appropriates $18.4 million in FY18-19 to health sciences efforts at the University. Of this funding, $692,000 is dedicated to supporting up to 12 resident physicians in the St. Cloud Hospital family practice residency program, and the remainder is for the Rural Physician Associate Program, the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, health sciences research, dental care, the Biomedical Engineering Center, and the collaborative partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic for regenerative medicine, research, clinical translation, and commercialization.

### College of Science and Engineering

The bill provides approximately $2.28 million in FY18-19 to the College of Science and Engineering to support the Minnesota Geological Survey and the Talented Youth Mathematics Program.

### System Special

The bill contains a $14.3 million system special appropriation over FY18-19 for general research, the Labor Education Service, the National Resources Research Institute, the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, the Bell Museum of Natural History, and the Humphrey exhibit.

The system special appropriation includes $4 million in FY18-19 in new funding for the National Resources Research Institute.

### University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation Partnership

The law appropriates just less than $16 million in FY18-19 for the partnership between the University and the Mayo Foundation for research in medical genomics and biotechnology, and the partnership must submit an annual report of how the appropriation is used by June 30 of each fiscal year. Of this funding, $1 million must be awarded for competitive grants to conduct research into the prevention, treatment, causes, and cures of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.
Academic Health Center  **Base funding**

The bill appropriates the Academic Health Center’s share of revenue generated from tobacco taxes. The share is estimated at $22.25 million each year.

Bell Museum Capital Debt Service  **Base Adjustment  New funding**

The bill provides for a $376,000 reduction in FY18-19 to the Bell Museum’s base appropriation.

Tuition freeze request

The bill requests the Board of Regents to set resident tuition rates for academic year 2018-2019 at levels not to exceed the rates for academic year 2017-2018.

Collective bargaining agreements

The bill encourages the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to endeavor in collective bargaining negotiations to seek fiscal balance recognizing the ability of the employer to fund the agreements or awards.

Reporting requirement

The bill adds reporting requirements submitted with the University’s biennial budget request, including data on consulting contracts from the last two completed fiscal years for which the work is performed by a consultant who is not an employee of the system, for which the system paid in excess of $500,000.

Mandatory student activity fees

The bill requests the Board of Regents to adopt a policy to prohibit increases in mandatory student activity fees by greater than two percent relative to the previous academic year unless the increase is approved by a majority of students voting in a campus referendum. This does not apply to fees paid by students that are directly related to academic, administrative, health services, or debt obligations.

If the University increases mandatory student activity fees by more than two percent without approval by a vote of the student body, the commissioner of management and budget shall deduct from the university’s appropriation base an amount equal to one percent of the university’s appropriation base in the first year of the next biennium.

Information provided to student parents and pregnant students

A public or regionally accredited private postsecondary educational institution must provide information according to this section to students who are parents of one or more children age 12 or younger, and to students who notify the institution that they are pregnant. The information must include a fact sheet on the legal rights of student parents and pregnant students and a list of resources to support student parents and pregnant students. The list of resources may include resources for prenatal care, child care, transportation, and housing. The University is requested to comply with this section.

Program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities

The bill requests the University to offer a program at the Morris campus for students with academic and developmental disabilities. The program must establish an enrollment goal of at least 15 incoming students per academic year. The bill also requests an annual report on the success of program participants.

Fetal tissue research

The bill provides requirements for fetal tissue research at the University and requires a report to the health and human services committee by January 15 each year.

Psychology licensure exemptions

The bill provides clarification of statute relating to teaching or conducting research related to the practice of psychology.

Greater Minnesota outreach and recruitment

The bill requests the University to develop and submit a plan for outreach and recruitment of students from Greater Minnesota by February 15, 2018.

Legislative auditor review of U of M fetal tissue research

The bill requests the legislative auditor to complete a comprehensive review of the use of fetal tissue in research activities at the University.

**CAPITAL INVESTMENT**

During the 2017 session, the legislature and governor agreed to a **$998 million capital investment bonding bill**. The bill, H.F. 5 – Chapter 8, appropriates $119.9 million to the University of Minnesota for four projects:

- $20.6 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) - systemwide
- $28.27 million for the Chemistry and Advanced Materials Science Building - UMD
- $66.7 million for the Health Sciences Education Facility - UMTC
- $4.4 million for the Plant Growth Research Facility - UMTC
Passage of a bonding bill in 2017 was particularly important for the University, since the legislature did not pass a bonding bill in 2016, meaning many projects were awaiting funding.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

The health and human services bill, S.F. 2, does not provide any direct appropriations to the University, but does impact the University indirectly.

**Minnesota Biomedicine and Bioethics Innovation Grants**

The bill provides **$2.5 million in FY18** for the Minnesota Department of Health for grants awarded by the University of Minnesota and Mayo Foundation partnership to fund innovation and research in biomedicine and bioethics.

**Dental rates**

This bill **increases dental reimbursement rates**, starting on July 1, 2017. Medical Assistance (MA) Fee For Services (FFS) rates, children’s dental services were increased by 23.8% (this increase does not apply to managed care plan rates). No changes to MA managed care dental rates, but estimated increase in reimbursements is $190,584 for the biennium.

MnCare dental rates for both adults and children were increased by 54%. This increase applies to managed care plans in the MnCare program, and the estimated increase in reimbursements is $60,000 for the biennium.

**Dental Practice Act modifications**

This bill allows the Board of Dentistry to waive examination requirements for dental therapists and dental assistants. It requires dental assistants to graduate from an accredited program and be certified by the Dental Assisting National Board. The bill also allows trained and certified dental assistants and dental hygienists to perform certain restorative dental procedures.

**AGRICULTURE**

The agriculture bill, H.F. 1545 - Chapter 88, appropriates **$20.3 million to the University of Minnesota** for the following initiatives:

**Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer account**

The bill provides **$18.6 million for University agricultural research and education**, including:

- $1.2 million for the rapid response fund
- $4 million for farm business management
- $700,000 for potato breeding
- $900,000 for the cultivated wild rice breeding project at the North Central Research and Outreach Center
- Up to $2 million for avian flu research

**Veterinary Diagnostic Lab software**

The bill provides **$1.2 million** for the University to develop, in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture and the Board of Animal Health, a software tool or application through the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory that empowers veterinarians and producers to understand the movement of unique pathogen strains in livestock and poultry production systems, monitor antibiotic resistance, and implement effective biosecurity measures that promote animal health and limit production losses. This is a onetime appropriation.

**Pollinator habitat and research**

The bill establishes a pollinator habitat and research account and provides **$500,000 for University pollinator research and outreach**. This is a onetime appropriation.

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

The environment and natural resources bill, H.F. 1545 - Chapter 93, appropriates **$820,000 from the Game and Fish Fund to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center** to develop research-based solutions that can reduce the effects of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota.

**LEGACY**

The legacy bill, H.F. 707 - Chapter 91, provides **funding for three University of Minnesota projects and initiatives**:

- Stormwater management practices - $4,171,000
- Regional Irrigation Water Quality Specialist - $220,000
- Forever Green Initiative - $1,500,000
LEGISLATIVE-CITIZENS COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

The Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) bill, SF. 550 – Chapter 96, appropriates a total of $13.36 million from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for the following University of Minnesota projects:

- County Geologic Atlases - Continuation - $2,000,000
- Assessment of Public Benefits of Protecting Source Water - $320,000
- Preserving Minnesota Prairie Plant Diversity - Phase II - $900,000
- Assessment of Microbes for Improving Wild Rice Restoration - $334,000
- Landslide Susceptibility, Mapping, and Management Tools - $500,000
- Moose Calf Surveys and Monitoring - $348,000
- Cedar Creek Natural Area Wolf Recolonization Assessment - $398,000
- Mapping Taxonomy & Environmental Toxicology of MN Sponges - $258,000
- Pollinator Research & Outreach - $500,000
- Assessment of Household Chemicals & Herbicides in Rivers and Lakes - $236,000
- Wastewater Nitrogen Removal Technology to Protect Water Quality - $450,000
- Assessment of Water Quality for Reuse - $148,000
- Techniques for Water Storage Estimates in Central Minnesota - $250,000
- Assessing Release of Mercury and Sulfur on Aquatic Communities - $300,000
- Interactive Water Resource Programs for Planetariums in Minnesota - $500,000
- Expanding Raptor Center Online Education - $270,000
- Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center - Phase II - $2,700,000
- Adapting Stream Barriers to Remove Common Carp - $301,000
- Extraction of Solar Thermal Energy in Minnesota - $250,000
- Generation, Storage, and Utilization of Solar Energy - $500,000
- Optimizing the Nutrition of Roadside Plants for Pollinators - $815,000
- Promoting Conservation Biocontrol of Beneficial Insects - $400,000
- Evaluating the Use of Bison to Restore and Preserve Savanna Habitat - $388,000
- Enhancing Spawning Habitat Restoration in Minnesota Lakes - $294,000

E-12 EDUCATION

The education bill, H.F. 2 – Chapter 5, provides one direct appropriation to the University and impacts the University indirectly in three additional provisions.

Principal’s Academy

The bill provides $50,000 in FY18 and $50,000 in FY19 for the College of Education and Human Development’s Minnesota Principals Academy. As a result, three cohorts of district and charter school leaders will be able to participate in this program each year.

Teacher licensure

This bill consolidates teacher licensure responsibilities into a new licensure board and creates a tiered licensure structure, which clarifies expectations for prospective teachers and creates flexibility and incentives for teachers from other states and mid-career professionals looking to enter teaching. This initiative was a result of an audit of the licensure process by the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Grow Your Own Programs

The bill provides $1.5 million in each year of the biennium for school districts and the Grow Your Own new teacher programs. The grants are for school districts with more than 30 percent minority students for a Board of Teaching-approved nonconventional teacher residency pilot program. The University partners with Minneapolis Public Schools on this program.
ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE UNIVERSITY

Beyond higher education and capital investment bills, numerous pieces of legislation enacted each year affect the University of Minnesota. Below is a list of the relevant session law chapters of importance to the University:

**2017 Special Session**

Chapter 1 - Tax omnibus
Chapter 3 - Transportation omnibus
Chapter 4 - State government omnibus
Chapter 5 - Education omnibus
Chapter 6 - Health and human services omnibus
Chapter 7 - Corrections, technical errors
Chapter 8 - Capital investment

**Chapter 56 - Health licensing and title protection**
Chapter 57 - Nursing practices and licensure
Chapter 58 - Telemedicine requirements
Chapter 59 - Adding APRN and physician assistants to certain statutes
Chapter 68 - Construction codes and OSHA regulations
Chapter 76 - REAL ID Act
Chapter 79 - Mental health practitioner modifications
Chapter 80 - Architectural barriers
Chapter 82 - Medical faculty license
Chapter 83 - DWI law modifications
Chapter 84 - Biological products
Chapter 88 - Agriculture omnibus
Chapter 89 - Higher education omnibus
Chapter 91 - Legacy
Chapter 93 - Environment and natural resources omnibus
Chapter 94 - Jobs omnibus
Chapter 95 - Public safety omnibus
Chapter 96 - LCCMR
Chapter 97 - Police and fire

You can also visit the new laws relevant to the University at: [government-relations.umn.edu/state/legislation](http://government-relations.umn.edu/state/legislation)
During the 2017 regular session, the House introduced 2,772 bills and Senate introduced 2,443 bills, slightly more than in 2015 (also a budget year). In the end, 99 bills were passed by the legislature and the governor signed 82 into law. Since this year marked the beginning of the legislative biennium, all regular session bills remain active in 2018.

In the special session, the legislature passed eight bills, seven of which were signed into law by the governor.

In total, 35 new laws are relevant to the University.

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