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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

Governor Dayton signed the bonding bill into law.

Bonding Tours were held at the Crookston, Duluth, and Twin Cities campuses before session.
2018 Capital Request Proposal Comparison

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**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.

Dollar amounts are in millions and rounded up.
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.
Minnesota Management and Budget released its Budget and Economic Forecast projecting a $329 million surplus for the remainder of the FY 2018-19 biennium.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

Governor Dayton vetoed the omnibus supplemental budget bill.

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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

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.

**MARCH 2018**

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.
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.

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

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.

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.

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## Retirements

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

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## 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.

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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.

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