



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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Nathan Lukkes, Executive Director & CEO
Board of Regents
306 E Capitol Ave # 200
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Churchill-Haines Lab Maintenance and Repair

Dear Executive Director Lukkes,

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2024 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on Month, Day, Year.

While the guidance does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

During the 2024 legislative session, the JCA approved \$16,834,604 in general funds (SB 52) for Higher Education Facility Fund bond payments and Maintenance and Repair (M&R) paydown use. It is the intent of the committee \$8,000,000 will be set aside for M&R of the Churchill-Haines Lab at the University of South Dakota. A report detailing the use of the funding shall be presented during the 2025 budget hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Representative Mike Derby
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Senator Jean Hunhoff
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

cc: Russell Olson, Auditor General
Jim Terwilliger, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management