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Nathan Lukkes, Executive Director & CEO
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Letter of Intent Regarding Center for Civic Engagement

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 session, an additional \$926,406 in general funds for base funding at Black Hills State University was approved by the Legislature. It is the intent of JCA that the Board of Regents use a portion of these funds to create, at Black Hills State University, the Center for Civic Engagement.

The purpose of the center is to provide undergraduate students with the foundation to succeed as lifelong citizens and future leaders in political, economic, and civic life. The center must provide this foundation by incorporating, in the education of the students, a broad range of subjects, including communications, economics, history, philosophy, political science, and sociology, and enhancing the students' understanding of civic affairs and discourse.

Classes provided through the center must be made available in-person and by means of online platforms. Black Hills State University must collaborate with the Board of Regents and other institutions under the jurisdiction of the board to:

- (1) Develop and provide curricula and programs;
- (2) Sponsor and host civic-focused events;
- (3) Provide experiential learning opportunities;
- (4) Provide civic programming; and
- (5) Provide other resources in support of the center.

During the 2025 session the Black Hills State University must present on the center.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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