



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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March 26, 2024
Nathan Lukkes, Executive Director
Board of Regents
306 E. Capitol Avenue, Suite 200
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology

Dear Executive Director Nathan 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 March 26, 2024.

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 \$3,034,444 in general funds for the Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology. It is the intent of the committee \$1,222,222 be expended by Dakota State University (DSU); \$1,222,222 be expended by South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT); and \$590,000 for BOR system simulator access. DSU and SDSMT are to provide quarterly reports to the Board of Regents until funds are expended and shall report to JCA 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