

Legislative Review

A Look at Higher Education in Weeks 17-18: April 27-May 8, 2009



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**The 2009
Legislative
Session ended
Tuesday, May 5,
making the 79-day
session the
longest in modern
state history.**

2009 Legislature Passes a Strong University System Budget

SB 2003, the NDUS budget bill, demonstrates a shared vision for the future of higher education in North Dakota, said Bill Goetz, NDUS chancellor, in commenting on the 2009-11 budget plan approved by Gov. Hoeven and the 2009 Legislative Assembly.

“When you look at the final version of SB 2003, clearly the governor and the Legislature support the emphasis on affordability and accessibility built into the University System’s 2009-11 budget request by the State Board of Higher Education,” Goetz said. “The budget process provided many opportunities to discuss important policy issues from the perspective of what the state needs and expects from its university system. This is a strong budget, and it will allow us to make significant progress on serving our students and our state.”

In its final form, SB 2003 provides more than \$593 million in state general funds for 2009-11, an increase of more than \$91 million or 20 percent in base funding when compared to the 2007-09 budget.

When major capital projects are excluded, the total general fund increase compared to 2007-09 is \$113 million, including base and one-time funding increases.

Major Components of 2009-11 Base Funding Increase

Parity or cost to continue	\$49,367,855
Needs-based financial aid	\$12,837,797
Equity	\$10,000,000
Two and four-year college affordability (includes SMHS)	\$8,215,467

Parity: Includes 2009-11 salary increases (average 5 percent per year); 2009-11 health insurance increases of \$2,015 per employee per year for a total 2009-11 annual premium of \$9,912; 2–2.2 percent annual operating inflation; estimated increases for utilities; continuation of 2008-09 salary increases; and estimated utility costs of new buildings coming online in 2009-11

Equity: Includes funds needed to move each campus closer to the “benchmark” or average funding level of its national peer institutions

Two-and four-year college affordability: Includes funding that will allow two-year colleges to freeze tuition rates and four-year universities to limit tuition increases to no more than 4 percent

Summary of SB 2003¹ and SB 2020² Increases from 2007-09 Adjusted Appropriation

	Funding Increase	Increase over Adj. Approp.
Permanent Base Increase	\$91,539,736	20.7%
One-Time Increases	\$21,292,000	
Capital Projects - One-Time	\$39,008,245	
Total Increase	\$151,839,981	

¹ The NDUS budget bill

² The NDSU Agriculture and Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute budget bill

2009-11 Major Capital Projects Approved

Several major capital projects included in the SBHE's 2009-11 budget request were funded in SB 2003, the NDUS budget bill, or SB 2020, the NDSU Agricultural Research

Station and Extension Service budget bill. A prioritized list of funded projects follows:

Ranked State Funded Projects for the 11 Campuses and UND SMHS		
Campus/Entity	Project Description	09-11 Legislative Appropriations
NDSCS	Horton Hall Renovation	\$5,700,000 GF
LRSC	Wind Energy Project	\$2,609,920 FF/GF
MiSU-B	Coal Boiler Replacement	\$800,000 GF
MISU	Refurbish Boiler	\$2,500,000 GF
MASU	Science-Library Building Renovation and Addition (Including Raising of East and West Hall)	\$4,958,325 GF
NDSU	Minard Hall - Phase III	\$13,000,000 GF
UND	Renovation and Addition to the Education Building	\$11,200,000 FF
DSU	Stoxen Library Addition-Phase I	\$8,800,000 GF (Contingent Approp.*)
DSU	Master plan, schematic designs & asbestos removal for Stoxen	\$2,000,000 GF
WSC	Science Lab Renovation	\$1,610,000 GF
BSC	Technical Center Renovation	\$3,000,000 GF \$409,500 OF
VCSU	Master plan, space study, repairs (Approp.)	\$1,000,000 GF
UND SOMHS	Bismarck Family Practice Center Construction (OF = Permanent Oil Tax Trust)	\$5,400,000 OF
Total Ranked State-Funded Projects - 11 Campuses and UND SMHS		\$37,178,245 GF \$19,619,420 FF/OF
Other Projects Funded, but not included in SBHE list		
MiSU-B	Greenhouse Repairs	\$280,000 GF
MiSU	Swain Hall Renovation (in addition to \$7,036,150 2007-09 appropriation)	\$1,250,000 GF \$5,000,000 FF
BSC	Great Plains Applied Energy Technology Center (part of OMB appropriation bill; approp to Dept of Commerce)	\$5,000,000 GF \$15,000,000 OF
WSC	Virtual Career and Technical Center (OF = \$5 million from Permanent Oil Tax Trust)	\$5,000,000 OF \$1,000,000 OF
Total Other Projects Funded, Not on SBHE List		\$6,530,000 GF \$26,000,000 FF/OF
Ranked State Funded Projects for the NDSU Research Extension Centers (REC) and Forest Service		
Main REC	Research Greenhouse Complex-Final Phase	\$11,450,400 GF \$700,000 OF
Main REC	Beef Research Facility	\$2,612,400 GF
Main REC	Branch REC Renovations - North Central, Williston, Langdon & Dickinson	\$2,937,200 GF
Forest Service	Greenhouse	\$300,000 GF
Total Ranked State Funded Projects - NDSU Research Extension Centers and Forest Service		\$17,300,000 GF \$700,000 OF

GF = general funds

FF = federal stimulus funds

OF = other funds

* **Contingent Approp.:** DSU may spend this funding only if actual general fund revenues for the period July 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2009, exceed estimated general fund revenues by at least \$25,000,000.

Centers of Excellence, Workforce Enhancement Funding Included in SB2018

SB 2018, the Department of Commerce budget bill, includes 2009-11 funding for Economic Development Centers of Excellence and the Workforce Enhancement Fund. This funding includes:

- \$1 million in general funds to be transferred to the Workforce Enhancement Fund to assist two-year colleges in responding to business and industry workforce training
- \$15 million in general funds to be transferred to the Centers of Excellence fund with a \$5 million contingency appropriation if actual general fund revenues for the period July 1, 2009, through December 1, 2009, exceed estimated general fund revenues by at least \$5 million. The use of these funds is specified as follows:
 - \$10 million for Centers of Excellence enhancement grants to be made available to research universities or nonprofit university-related foundations for use in infrastructure or enhancement of economic development and employment opportunities
 - The remaining funding would be used for the existing Centers of Excellence program with the following changes: (a) This funding cannot be used for infrastructure; (b) No more than two applications per campus may be submitted for each round of funding; and (c) Of the two dollars in match required for every state dollar, at least one dollar must be cash, of which at least 50 cents must be from the private sector.

Other sections in the bill provide for a best practices review of the Centers of Excellence program by an entity with broad-based expertise in similar programs and also appropriates \$1 million from the general fund for a technology-based entrepreneurship grant program to be developed by the Department of Commerce, but this is not higher-education specific.

NDSU Ag and UGPTI Budget Increased by \$29.8 Million

As provided in **SB 2020**, the 2009-11 state general fund appropriation for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI), Northern Crops Institute (NCI), Extension Service and Research Stations is \$97.4 million, an increase of \$29.8 million compared to the 2007-09 adjusted appropriation, less 2007-09 one-time funding.

Of the \$29.8 million increase, \$12.4 million is base funding (an 18.3 percent increase compared to the 2007-09 adjusted appropriation), \$450,000 is for one-time deferred maintenance and the remaining \$17 million one-time funding is for major capital projects.

Legislature Increases Focus on Workforce Development

A number of bills passed this session draw attention to workforce as a critical issue for the future of North Dakota. The following legislation reflects the emphasis the 61st Legislative Assembly placed on developing, attracting and retaining a highly skilled workforce for the state:

SB 2018: Department of Commerce budget

- Study state's system for addressing workforce needs

SB 2019: Career & Technical Education budget

- Study NDUS workforce training region effectiveness

SB 2038: Higher Education Flexibility/Accountability

- Topics for possible study by interim higher education committee include workforce needs

SCR 4002: Workforce Study Resolution

- Study of the state's workforce system by the Legislative Council and of the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to address the issues identified in the 2007-08 consultant's report

HB 1463: State Youth Council

- Explore issues and concerns, including employment opportunities, and develop recommendations for policymakers

P-16 Recommendations Move Forward

Many of the P-16 Education Task Force recommendations supported by the SBHE and the Joint Boards were incorporated into **HB 1400**, which addresses the recommendations of the Commission on Education Improvement, and **SB 2003**, the NDUS budget bill.

A summary of actions follows:

New Joint Boards Authority as Provided in SB 2003:

- Establish high standards and expectations of students at all levels of the education continuum
- Ensure that all students have access to challenging curricula
- Ensure that the individuals instructing students at all levels of the education continuum are highly qualified and capable
- Cooperate in the professional development of individuals instructing students at all levels of the education continuum

P-16 Recommendations Included in HB 1400

- Increases the K-12 school year to 181 days in 2010-11 and to 182 in 2011-12
- Increases the required number of school counselors and defines and permits career counselors
- Requires each school district to implement PowerSchool (this supports SLDS implementation)
- Provides grants to teachers seeking National Board Certification
- Requires each district to adopt a professional development plan

- Requires the state superintendent to appoint a Professional Development Advisory Committee
- Increases required high school graduation units from 21 to 22
- Permits an optional high school curriculum for low-performing students
- Establishes the North Dakota Career and Technical Education Scholarship and the North Dakota Academic Scholarship
- Requires districts to fund summative assessments, either ACT or WorkKeys, for every 11th grade student
- Requires concepts of personal finance to be included in the curriculum by 2010
- Requires reading of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in required government classes
- Expands Commission on Education Improvement membership to include the commissioner (chancellor) and private sector representation
- Requires the commission to ensure that high school graduates can move seamlessly and without remediation to higher education and employment
- Establishes a new North Dakota Early Childhood Education Council including commissioner (chancellor) representation
- Establishes new North Dakota Career and Technical Education and North Dakota Academic Scholarships to be administered by the SBHE

2009 Legislative Session Summary

Passed Bills

Bill No.	Description	Additional Detail
HB1015	OMB appropriation; intent on state employee salary adjustments, state employee salary equity pool	Section 4 appropriates \$4.45 million for 2007-09 COE projects. Section 11 has intent on state employee salary adjustments. Sections 18,19 include \$16 million (\$9 million GF, \$7 million other funds) employee salary equity pool, intent (does not include NDUS positions).
HB 1023	Deficiency appropriation: NDSU (\$527,842), UND (\$2,858,771) flood costs, main research (\$100,499), central grasslands (\$13,560), NC centers (\$22,094); bond payments	
HB1027	Gives Budget Section authority to increase number of authorized FTE positions	Does not apply to the NDUS.
HB1029	Establish rules, reporting requirements for employee service awards, employer-paid tuition and professional, service club dues; amendment excludes NDUS	
HB1030	Authorizes employee performance bonuses up to \$1,000 per year; agencies may in some cases exceed 25% limit on number of bonuses	
HB1031	Adds definition of "hard-to-fill occupation" for state recruitment, retention bonus program.	Does not apply to NDUS.
HB1074	Codifies Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA)—Uniform State Laws	Applies to management of foundation funds.
HB1113	Requires state agency classified staff grievance procedures, creates a statewide appeals mechanism	Does not apply to NDUS
HB1124	Authorizes ND to join multi-state compact for prevention and control of wildfires	State forester is designated compact administrator.
HB1273	Expands eligibility for dual credit option to 10th grade students	
HB1341	LC study on employee tuition reimbursement program	
HB 1350	\$5.0 million GF appropriation to Commerce Dept for great plains applied energy technology center at BSC; requires 3:1 other funds match	
HB1394	Tribal college grant program, including \$700,000 from permanent oil trust fund	Emergency clause (effective April 23).
HB 1399	Creates American Indian language preservation committee, with UND representative	
HB1400	Commission on education improvement recommendations: career development initiatives; increase instruction days; mandate added school counselors; revise units required for graduation; optional HS curriculum for some students; new ND CTE and academic scholarship program, administered by SBHE, with \$750 per semester merit scholarships at state HE institutions; changes to commission on education improvement appointments, duties; creates ND early childhood education council, including chancellor	
HB1436	Differentiate between legislative management and legislative council	
HB1460	State property and institution alternative use program; OMB to request laws, funding	
HB1463	Creates state youth council	
HB1475	Provides \$50,000 to CTE for innovation grants	
HB1487	Federal stimulus funds must be appropriated by legislature or approved by emergency commission and budget section	Language in SB2003 exempts NDUS federal and other funds, including federal stimulus funds.

Passed Bills		
Bill No.	Description	NDUS Action Items
HB1496	\$50,000 to ag products utilization commission for equine processing study; creates equine processing fund, allocations to DSU, NDSU	
HB1510	Adds requirement to notify applicant denied veterans preference, including appeals process	
HB1562	LC study use of leave for members of public employee groups to attend hearings, meetings	
HB1566	NDUS to study ways to improve interaction between NDUS and tribal colleges	
HCR3004	Interim study of Indian education issues	
SB2001	Legislative Assembly appropriation	
SB2003	NDUS appropriation	<p>Section 16 has authority to spend additional federal and other funds, including federal stimulus funds.</p> <p>Section 25 requires transfer to VCSU of \$200,000 NDUS office carryover.</p> <p>Section 27 has intent on minimum \$100 per month salary increases.</p> <p>Section 29 increases tech occupation loan forgiveness program funding to \$1,500 annually; revise NDUS procedures, application forms.</p> <p>Section 30 limits tuition increases to not more than 4% each year.</p> <p>Section 31 calls for LC study on funding options.</p> <p>Section 32 calls for LC study on tuition waivers.</p> <p>Section 33 calls for LC study on education governance, creating one state entity to oversee P-20.</p> <p>Section 34 calls for LC study on a HE student trust fund.</p> <p>Section 36 increases maximum student grants to \$1,500 annually; will require advisory group review and recommendations for SBHE action.</p> <p>Section 37 requires annual SBHE report to LC on scholarships, demographic information.</p> <p>Section 38 expands the agenda of the joint boards meeting, adding discussion of challenging curriculum, high standards and expectations and instructor qualifications.</p>
SB 2013	State Land appropriation – permanent fund distribution to NDUS	
SB2014	Industrial Commission appropriation, includes NDUS bond payments, \$1.5 million for lignite research feasibility study	
SB 2016	Job Service appropriation – Workforce 20/20	

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Bill No.	Description	NDUS Action Items
SB2018	Dept. of Commerce appropriation, includes \$15 million COE funds, plus contingent \$5 million for COE, depending on state revenues, limits allocation of COE funds to infrastructure, limits number of COE applications (2 per campus), \$1 million WF enhancement fund for two-year campus WF training, mandates OMB public searchable database by June 30, 2011, requires annual SBHE report to commerce department on NDUS WF initiatives and activities and future plans, and submission of biennial WF-related budget initiatives to the ND workforce development council	<p>Section 19 calls for LC study of state workforce system initiative.</p> <p>Section 21 appropriates \$15 million for COE funding.</p> <p>Section 23 allocates \$10 million for COE infrastructure, economic development and employment enhancement, including GF air base realignment grant, projects near or at GF air base, and projects to enhance research university capacity.</p> <p>Section 24 calls for study of COE tax revenue impact.</p> <p>Section 25 requires COE best practices review by commerce department, COE commission.</p> <p>Section 32 limits COE applications to two per campus.</p> <p>Section 33 prohibits COE funds for infrastructure, requires that ½ of matching funds be in cash.</p> <p>Section 35 requires OMB searchable public budget database by 6/11/11.</p> <p>Section 38 requires annual SBHE report on WF initiatives to commerce department; also, SBHE must submit biennial WF budget initiatives to ND workforce development council.</p>
SB2019	CTE appropriation bill; includes \$3 million for WF training grants	SBHE must conduct a study of WF training at BSC, LRSC, NDSCS and WSC, including effectiveness in meeting needs, responsiveness, results, performance measures and funding, and report to interim workforce committee by July 1, 2010. Study must involve legislative assembly, HE, CTE, WF training boards, business and industry representatives. No funds for study.
SB 2020	NDSU research, extension appropriation	
SB 2021	ITD appropriation, \$2.4 million for longitudinal database; amendments to SLDS committee membership, management of SLDS	Provides for interagency agreements, including agreements between NDUS and ITD and the SLDS committee, regarding data-sharing, etc.
SB2038	Flexibility with accountability: retain non-state funds, block grant appropriations, carryover, higher ed study, accountability measures, budget and other reporting requirements, interim HE committee studies	<p>Section 5 mandates compilation of salaries, benefits and total compensation for instructional staff with master's degrees and comparison to ND school district teachers' compensation; campuses must report online enrollment numbers and courses and numbers of students who are not HS graduates.</p> <p>Section 6 calls for an interim higher education committee with study areas similar to 2007-09 interim; also, SBHE shall take recommendations into account and make appropriate changes to practices, board policy, and budget needs and allocation.</p> <p>Section 7 has revised NDUS performance and accountability report measures.</p> <p>Section 8 requires that campuses report to 2011 legislature on comparison of budgeted to actual expenditures by major expenditure type.</p> <p>Section 9 calls for appointment of interim higher education committee to study topics that may include alternative uses and changes to institution missions, two-year campus issues, tuition affordability, accessibility, WF needs, economic development contributions, institution utilization and capacity, education quality and revenue-neutral policies to aid in reduction of student loan debt.</p>
SB2061	Interim workforce study by HRMS	

Passed Bills		
Bill No.	Description	NDUS Action Items
SB2064	Increases state lodging reimbursement to \$60; OMB sets mileage rate based on federal rate	
SB2077	UND SOMHS loan revolving fund	
SB2078	Repeals Job Service adult education and training grants to JTPA eligible students	
SB2079	Updates UND SOMHS mission	
SB2080	Accreditation mills and false academic degrees	
SB2081	Updates UND SOMHS Advisory Council role	
SB2082	Expands definition of resident for tuition purposes to include all veterans	
SB2128	Adds representative of Dakota Transit Association to UGPTI Advisory Council	
SB2142	Updates IT powers and duties and revises IT plan provisions	
SB2154	Increases the PERS retiree health care credit from \$4.50 to \$5.00, by increasing the employer contribution from 1 to 1.14%	
SB2155	\$200,000 GF appropriation to ND School for Deaf for grants to NDUS institutions for services to hard of hearing students	NDUS institutions may apply for grants
SB2166	Expands state grant program to for-profit colleges offering at least two-year programs	
SB 2212	Mandates DPI establish maximum student caseloads for English language learner teachers; \$200,000 appropriation to DPI	
SB 2227	Increases state health council medical loan repayment program and removes restrictions	
SB 2266	\$500,000 appropriation to UND for nursing simulation labs	
SB2267	Whistleblower protection for public employees	
SB2300	Requires state bond fund coverage in amount of money, property handled, or \$10,000	
SB2332	Creates health info technology office, advisory committee for state info infrastructure; NDUS representative on advisory committee possible	
SB2353	In-state lodging rate set by OMB, not to exceed 90% of federal rate	
SB2373	Creates grape, wine program committee with NDSU representative	
SB2389	Change MiSU-B name to Dakota College at Bottineau	
SB2390	Calls for technology park study	
SB2401	Calls for study of public bid laws	
SB2412	\$369,900 GF appropriation to state health dept for grant to UND fetal alcohol syndrome center	UND may apply for grant
SCR4002	Interim study of state's workforce system	
SCR4006	Legislative Council study of teacher professional development opportunities	

Failed Bills

Bill No	Description
HB1028	Adds one-half health unit to HS requirements
HB1034	Interim study of services to hearing-impaired
HB1049	Peace officer standards, training board duties
HB1055	Training grant appropriation to Guard
HB1056	Emergency responder academy study
HB1058	Tribal College grants (see also HB1394)
HB1065	Appropriation for student recruiting, interns
HB1066	Tax credits for research, lean manufacturing
HB1079	Additional capital project spending authority
HB1081	Establishes a P-20 education council
HB1085	Employment tax credit for apprenticeships
HB1097	Specifies documentation required for employer payroll withholding
HB1119	Reimburse actual in-state lodging rate
HB1120	Changes retiree PERS health insurance rate
HB1172	Appropriation for DPI adult education grants
HB1190	Private HE institution income tax credit
HB1193	\$2 million oil trust funds to Dunn Co CRC (including space for HE)
HB1203	Regarding charitable gifts eligible for tax credit
HB1212	DOC rules for construction standards
HB1222	Changes composition of legislative council
HB1230	\$3 million federal stimulus, \$3 million other funds (1:1 match) to WSC for virtual center for career, technical education
HB1250	Commerce Dept to calculate COE impact
HB1254	Expands definition of political purpose in law prohibiting use of state property or services
HB1283	Clarifies open meeting law
HB1285	Employee participation in closed assoc. mtgs.
HB 1313	Creates a one-time investment spending fund
HB 1315	Grants to dental school grads
HB 1332	Updates to projects subject to the state building code
HB1347	House version prohibits use of state property or services to support, oppose initiated or referred measure, constitutional amendment; Senate version calls for LC study
HB1348	As amended, exempts HE dwelling units, shared space, parking from state firearms ban
HB1349	Employee carpooling incentive
HB 1352	Creates state energy policy
HB 1357	BND to buy down teacher student loans
HB 1374	Geriatric medicine required for physician CE
HB1377	House version mandates OMB create searchable database of state expenditures
HB 1406	DOC position to recruit wind turbine workers
HB 1415	Re: Administrative Agencies Practice Act.
HB 1419	Removes 10% budget stabilization limit transfer to the general fund
HB1434	As amended, provides \$500,000 GF appropriation to create endowments for NDUS institution endowed chairs; requires 1:1 match
HB1443	Add ½ unit finance to HS course requirements
HB1447	Legislature must approve tuition and fees
HB1465	Appropriates \$225,000 to Ag Commissioner for expanding organic food production, processing
HB1469	Use of K-12 textbooks by home school students

Failed Bills

Bill No	Description
HB1480	DPI provide grant to ESPB to create teacher mentorship program
HB1483	Permits OMB to borrow additional \$5 million for COE, if other funding is depleted
HB1485	Increases transfers to oil tax trust fund
HB1486	Removes 2.5% limit on budget stabilization fund transfers in the event of a budget shortfall
HB1503	\$44 million from permanent oil tax trust fund to create a state disaster relief fund
HB1507	Requires annual UND-NDSU football game
HB1513	Creates innovation, efficiency grant program in OMB and employee innovation award
HB1532	Mandates collection of recyclable materials
HB1543	State agencies, institutions "may" purchase ND food products; Senate amendment requires OMB report on state food purchases
HB1547	Appropriation to BND to reduce student loans
HB1550	Emergency Commission may authorize state agency emergency line of credit
HB1557	Legislature meets in even-numbered years
HB1564	Adds half finance unit to HS requirements
HB 1568	Create health care delivery interim committee
HCR3043	Interim study of higher ed laboratory safety
HCR3060	Replaces NDPEA president with attorney general on SBHE nominating committee
SB2062	Opportunity grant program, appropriation
SB2076	Increase amount of non-state funded projects SBHE can approve without legislative approval
SB2083	Increase state grant maximum (see SB2226)
SB2084	Required student teacher, teacher criminal background checks
SB2087	Exempt applicant records for chancellor and president from the open records law
SB2175	Expands student health insurance coverage
SB2187	Private employer pay for accrued time off
SB2205	Unlawful to prohibit use of state network to contact legislators except for political purpose
SB2226	STEM/technology occupations program, state grant maximum increases
SB2238	Appropriates \$26.5 million in GF to NDUS for the purpose of freezing tuition rates in 09-11.
SB2258	Whistleblower protection for public employees
SB2272	Adds prosthetics coverage to PERS health insurance plan; adds \$.90 per health insurance contract without additional funding for NDUS
SB2273	Increase cost of projects requiring architects
SB2278	Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation
SB2285	DOC satellite offices on Indian reservations
SB2288	Reduces from 150 to 135 required high school instructional hours for specific fields of study
SB2296	Student loan reductions for ND employees
SB2302	Requires continuing support for foster children attending college
SB2303	Appropriation to NDUS for grants to support retention of students from low-income families
SB2304	Establishes ND Center for Nursing Board
SB2311	State employee salary increases intent
SB2315	Provides sales tax exemption on sale of books
SB2327	State fire marshal may exempt temporary occupancy of historical structure renovation
SB2331	State employee collective bargaining
SB2346	Requires DPI, NDUS study of implementation of Indian treaty rights relating to education
SB2360	Leave for state employee organization officers
SB2406	BND tobacco free grant to college savings plan

Failed Bills

Bill No	Description
SB2407	NDUS virtual university; enrollment reporting
SB2408	\$5 M appropriation for GF base realignment
SB2427	Apply national energy conservation standards to all buildings; Industrial Commission loan up to \$5 million for matching energy grants
SCR4017	Study state capitol, agency space, facility needs
SCR4024	Study consolidation of government forms