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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Higher Education

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; modifying a previous appropriation; amending Laws  
1.3 2023, chapter 41, article 1, section 4, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 41, article 1, section 4, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Operations and Maintenance** 686,558,000 676,294,000

1.7 (a) \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and  
1.8 \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are to: (1)  
1.9 increase the medical school's research  
1.10 capacity; (2) improve the medical school's  
1.11 ranking in National Institutes of Health  
1.12 funding; (3) ensure the medical school's  
1.13 national prominence by attracting and  
1.14 retaining world-class faculty, staff, and  
1.15 students; (4) invest in physician training  
1.16 programs in rural and underserved  
1.17 communities; and (5) translate the medical  
1.18 school's research discoveries into new  
1.19 treatments and cures to improve the health of  
1.20 Minnesotans.

1.21 (b) \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2024 and  
1.22 \$7,800,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for health  
1.23 training restoration. This appropriation must

2.1 be used to support all of the following: (1)  
2.2 faculty physicians who teach at eight residency  
2.3 program sites, including medical resident and  
2.4 student training programs in the Department  
2.5 of Family Medicine; (2) the Mobile Dental  
2.6 Clinic; and (3) expansion of geriatric  
2.7 education and family programs.

2.8 (c) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and  
2.9 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for the  
2.10 Minnesota Discovery, Research, and  
2.11 InnoVation Economy funding program for  
2.12 cancer care research.

2.13 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000  
2.14 in fiscal year 2025 are for the University of  
2.15 Minnesota, Morris branch, to cover the costs  
2.16 of tuition waivers under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.17 section 137.16.

2.18 (e) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and  
2.19 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for  
2.20 systemwide safety and security measures on  
2.21 University of Minnesota campuses. The base  
2.22 amount for this appropriation is \$1,000,000  
2.23 in fiscal year 2026 and later.

2.24 (f) \$366,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$366,000  
2.25 in fiscal year 2025 are for unemployment  
2.26 insurance aid under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.27 section 268.193.

2.28 (g) \$10,000,000 the first year is for programs  
2.29 at the University of Minnesota Medical School  
2.30 Campus on the CentraCare Health System  
2.31 Campus in St. Cloud. This appropriation may  
2.32 be used for tuition support, ~~a residency~~  
2.33 ~~program, a rural health research program, a~~  
2.34 ~~program to target scholarships to students from~~

3.1 ~~diverse backgrounds, and a scholarship~~  
3.2 ~~program targeted at students who will practice~~  
3.3 ~~in rural areas including a scholarship~~  
3.4 endowment fund targeted at students who will  
3.5 practice in rural areas and targeted at students  
3.6 from diverse backgrounds; costs associated  
3.7 with opening and operating a new regional  
3.8 campus; costs associated with the expansion  
3.9 of a residency program; and costs associated  
3.10 with starting and operating a rural health  
3.11 research program. This appropriation is  
3.12 available until June 30, 2027, and must be  
3.13 spent ~~on~~ for activities on or associated with  
3.14 the CentraCare Health System Campus in the  
3.15 greater St. Cloud area. This is a onetime  
3.16 appropriation.

3.17 (h) \$374,000 the first year and \$110,000 the  
3.18 second year are to pay the cost of supplies and  
3.19 equipment necessary to provide access to  
3.20 menstrual products for purposes of article 2,  
3.21 section 2.

3.22 (i) The total operations and maintenance base  
3.23 for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$672,294,000.

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.