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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Action Requested: Receive a legislative update and consider adopting the identified recommended positions for specific pieces of legislation.

Executive Summary:

FY 2006 Supplemental Recommendations

UNI's Gilchrist Hall \$2,000,000

FY 2007 Governor's Incremental Recommendations for Regents

Education Operating Appropriations - Universities

- o Stabilizes continued base funding (FY 2006 funding from one-time sources, including the \$2.8 million in carryover and \$6.25 million from RIIF) \$9,050,000
- o Increase for Regent Transformation Plan (request was \$40 million) \$20,000,000
- o Increase for Center of Governing Excellence \$250,000

According to the Governor's presentation, in cooperation with the Local Government Innovation Fund, the Center will "provide funding and technical assistance to communities interested in innovation." Their objective will be to identify models of collaboration that might be replicable; overcome barriers to collaboration through technical assistance, outside mediation/facilitation; promote best practices; and encourage innovative/creative models of collaboration.

Economic Development Appropriations

- o Status quo for economic development operating appropriations
- o Maintain the Grow Iowa Values Funding of \$5 million per year for ten years
- o Increase funding to Regents to implement Batelle recommendations, Governor plans to invest \$50 million over 3 years (\$20 million in each FY 2007 and 2008 and \$10 million in FY 2009). As noted in the Governor's recommendations, "the Regents will work in concert with the industry steering groups, the Department of Economic Development Commercialization Committee, and the Chief Technology Officer to prioritize the investment for maximum impact."
 - Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) \$10,000,000
 - Iowa's Health Endowment Account \$10,000,000

Education Operating Appropriations – Special Schools

- o Increase comparable to the 4% allowable growth for other K-12 schools split between the two schools \$550,000

Capitals

- o Provides new funding to Regents for fire safety & deferred maintenance from Iowa's Health Restricted Capitals Account \$10,000,000

Other Regent FY 2007 Appropriation Issues

Tuition Replacement Appropriations are status quo (no increase in funding or authorization). The Governor is recommending full funding, but is adjusting funding sources slightly.

- o State General Fund\$14,625,091
- o Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)\$9,680,321
- Total\$24,305,412

UIHC Appropriations (through DHS IowaCare program) status quo..... \$27,284,584

Legislation:

SF 2057/HF 2097 – Changes Iowa’s law banning somatic cell nuclear transfer to only ban somatic cell nuclear transfer for reproductive purposes allowing it to be used for therapeutic treatments.

POSITION: SUPPORT

SF 2051/HF 2042 – Technical changes to language enacting the IowaCare program which will allow funds to flow through the University of Iowa to fund the health care transformation account created under the IowaCare program.

POSITION: SUPPORT

HSB 508 – Establishes a general policy for state executive branch agencies that equipment, supplies, or services procured by the state shall be purchased using a competitive bidding procedure, which is substantially similar to the 2000 model procurement code for state and local governments. This bill would seriously erode the Board’s governing authority and its ability to utilize best practices and obtain greater efficiencies and cost savings.

POSITION: OPPOSE