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**REQUEST TO CREATE BOARD OF REGENTS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Action Requested:** Ratification of the creation of a Regent Legislative Committee

**Executive Summary:** On February 17, 2025, President Bates approved the creation of the Legislative Committee tasked with proposing the Board of Regents' official position on pending legislation. Regent Hensley will chair the committee, with Regents Bates, Rouse and Risewick serving as members.

**Background:** Every year, new legislation is introduced that may significantly impact the Iowa Board of Regents System, either directly or indirectly. On average, the Board of Regents registers a position on more than 300 bills annually.

The committee will be composed of the Board President, President Pro Tem and two other board members appointed by the Board President. The committee's primary responsibilities include evaluating relevant legislation, proposing the Board's official stance, and recommending any changes or suggestions regarding registered bills. The committee would be primarily staffed by the Executive Director and the State Relations Officers. Other staff can be added as needed.

The committee will hold weekly meetings that are open to the public, and any other members of the Board may participate at their discretion.

During the April 23-24, 2025 meeting of the Board, the committee chair will give a report on what has taken place and what is expected to take place during remainder of the legislative session. Going forward, the committee chair will provide updates at the February and April Board of Regents meetings.

The committee will be inactive when the legislature is not in session.