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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 731

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; appropriating money for tuition relief.

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

1.4 Section 1. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; TUITION  
1.5 FREEZE.

1.6 (a) \$11,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 and \$22,000,000 is appropriated in  
1.7 fiscal year 2017 to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
1.8 for student tuition relief. The Board of Trustees may not set the tuition rate in any  
1.9 undergraduate degree-granting program for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years  
1.10 at a rate greater than the 2014-2015 academic year rate. The student tuition relief may not  
1.11 be offset by increases in mandatory fees, charges, or other assessments to the student.

1.12 (b) To the extent that the appropriations under this section are insufficient, the Board  
1.13 of Trustees shall fund the remainder of the student tuition relief through reductions in  
1.14 costs associated with central administration of the system and executive administration of  
1.15 individual campuses, or through reallocation of nonstate funds. Tuition relief may not be  
1.16 funded through reduction in any program or service that directly impacts students.

1.17 Sec. 2. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA; TUITION FREEZE.

1.18 (a) \$6,900,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 and \$14,000,000 is appropriated  
1.19 in fiscal year 2017 to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for student  
1.20 tuition relief. The Board of Regents is requested to maintain the Minnesota resident  
1.21 undergraduate tuition rate for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years at the  
1.22 2014-2015 academic year rate, and is also requested to not offset the tuition relief by  
1.23 increases in mandatory fees, charges, or other assessments to the student.

2.1           (b) To the extent that the appropriations under this section are insufficient, the  
2.2           Board of Regents is requested to fund the remainder of the student tuition relief through  
2.3           reductions in costs associated with central administration of the university and executive  
2.4           administration of individual campuses, or through reallocation of nonstate funds. The  
2.5           Board of Regents is requested to not fund tuition relief through reduction in any program  
2.6           or service that directly impacts students.