

Policy Language Comparison

H.F. 2431 – Omnibus Higher Education Budget and Policy Conference Committee

Article 1: Higher Education Appropriations¹

SxS Page	House Lines	Senate Lines	Comparison	Description	Action
R1-2	2.19-2.28	N/A	<i>House-only</i>	OHE — State Grants The House imposes a tuition cap for four-year programs	
R1-2	N/A	2.19-2.21	<i>Senate-only</i>	OHE — State Grants The Senate provides extended availability for the state grant program appropriation through FY2029.	
R5-6	N/A	4.26-6.15	<i>Different</i>	OHE — EAPS Grants The Senate maintains a competitive grant program for private and Tribal colleges through OHE. Both the House and the Senate make direct appropriations to MnState (see R16) and UMN (see R20). The Senate also adds reporting requirements for all three agencies.	
R7-9	6.13-15	7.18-9.10	<i>Different</i>	OHE — Hunger-Free Campus Grants The Senate repeals the Hunger-Free Campus program statute (see R80) and relocates the program parameters, including an expanded reporting requirement, to session law appropriation riders. The Senate also maintains a competitive grant program for private and Tribal colleges through OHE and reappropriates the funding for public institutions directly to MnState (see R17) and UMN (see R28), while the House makes a single appropriation for this purpose to OHE.	
R13-18	9.30-13.11	12.5-17.9	<i>Different</i>	MnState — Section organization The bodies differ in how the appropriations are divided into various subdivisions. The House has more riders within the broader O&M subdivision, while the Senate adds a new “direct student support” subdivision.	

¹This section does not include language differences that only represent differences in spending (including appropriations made by only one chamber) or which are directly linked to differences in spending.

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R18-29	13.12-21.8	17.21-27.21	Different	UMN — Section organization The Senate takes a new approach to the organization of the UMN appropriation section by: - disaggregating existing UMN riders into their component parts to reflect the breakdown the UMN honors based on prior year agreements; - relocating all operations and maintenance riders into other sections, leaving just the unrestricted operations and maintenance amount; and - reorganizing all riders as special appropriations within subdivisions based on major subject areas (Research and Innovation, Medical Training and Care, Social Sciences, Natural Resources Management and Education, and Campus Management and Student Support).	

Article 2: Policy Provisions

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R31	N/A	29.12-14	Senate-only	K12 — Direct Admissions. The Senate requires public and charter high schools to participate in the direct admissions program by the 2029-2030 school year.	
R31-32	23.22-24.26	29.15-30.19	Same	Statement of Missions Permits Minnesota State Universities to offer applied doctoral degrees in cybersecurity.	
R32	N/A	30-20-31.4	Senate-only	Opiate Antagonist. The Senate requires the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, and requests the University of Minnesota system, to maintain two doses of opiate antagonists in each campus residential building. Opiate antagonists are drugs that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Note: the House is carrying this provision in its omnibus Health bill (see HF2435).	
R33-34 / R80	24.27-26.27	79.17	Different	Hunger-Free Campus Designation. The House adopts a section from OHE’s agency bill making clarifying changes to this statute. The Senate repeals this section (see R80).	

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R34-36	N/A	31.5-32.17	<i>Senate-only</i>	Campus Sexual Misconduct Policy — Definitions. The Senate adds a definition of “retaliation,” which is used in the following section (see Senate lines 35.16-19).	
R36-39	26.28-28.29	32.18-35.22	<i>Different</i>	Campus Sexual Misconduct Policy — Process/Procedures. The House and Senate differ in their amendments to required sexual misconduct grievance resolution process and procedures.	
R39	29.7-8	35.29-35.32	<i>Different</i>	Protections for Pregnant and Parenting Students — Definitions. The House defines “pregnancy or related conditions” by reference to its definition in federal rules. The Senate provides the definition. The definitions are, in effect, identical. Other differences in this section are merely technical.	
R41	31.12-19	38.1-38.5	<i>Different</i>	Treatment of Appropriations. The Senate allows default retention by OHE of 5% of a competitive grant appropriation, while the House allows 10%. The House allows OHE to carry forward certain unspent operating appropriations into the next biennium, and the Senate does not.	
R41-42	31.20-32.5	38.6-22	<i>Similar – technical differences</i>	Consolidated Competitive Grant and Student Loan Repayment Program Reporting. Consolidates OHE reporting requirements for specified programs. This section is essentially identical. Technical differences arise from each body’s elimination of different underlying programs. <u>Nonpartisan staff recommend the Senate language, with direction to nonpartisan staff to make technical corrections to the statutory cross-references.</u>	
R42-48	N/A	38.23-44.30	<i>Senate-only</i>	College Financing Literacy Act. The Senate requires the Office of Higher Education to create standard terminology and standard templates for colleges and universities to use when sending financial aid offers to prospective and current students.	
R48	32.6-21	45.1-16	<i>Different</i>	State Grants — Assigned Family Responsibility. The Senate increases the AFR for dependent students to 100% of the parental contribution; the House keeps it at the current 79%. The House sets all negative federal parental or student contributions as a \$0 AFR; the Senate recognizes AFRs based on negative federal parental or student contributions, but sets a negative \$1,500 floor.	
R48-50	32.21-34.8	45.17-47.6	<i>Similar – technical differences</i>	Institutional Eligibility Requirements — Additional Requirements. Amends the eligibility requirements for institutions to receive state student financial aid. Except for minor technical differences, this section is identical. The Senate adds an additional provision at R50. <u>Nonpartisan staff recommend the House language.</u>	

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R50	N/A	47.7-13	Senate-only	Institutional Eligibility Requirements — Additional Requirements. The Senate requires postsecondary institutions that are eligible to receive State Grant funds to post certain information about student outcomes on their websites. Except for minor technical differences, this section is otherwise identical.	
R50	N/A	47.14-48.3	Senate-only	State Grants — Cost of Attendance. The Senate reduces the allowance for living and miscellaneous expenses from 115 percent of federal poverty guidelines to 110 percent for the purpose of calculating Cost of Attendance.	
R51	N/A	48.4-19	Senate-only	State Grants — Insufficient Appropriation. The Senate provides additional directions to OHE when it is required to reduce State Grant awards due to an insufficient appropriation.	
R51	N/A	48.20-49.7	Senate-only	State Grants — Surplus Appropriation. The Senate permits OHE to recognize a student or parental contribution that is less than negative \$1,500 in the event there is a surplus appropriation, and requires OHE to make this adjustment before increasing awards by increasing the living and miscellaneous expense allowance.	
R52	34.9-18	49.8-17	Same	State Grants — Awards Lowers the maximum lifetime credit cap on state grant awards from 180 credits to 120 credits.	
R52	N/A	49.18-21	Senate-only	State Grants — Deadline. The Senate adjusts the deadline for applications for state grant awards for an academic term from the end of the fiscal year following the term to 30 days after the start of that term.	
R52-53	34.19-35.13	49.22-50.17	Same	North Star Promise — Definitions Amends the definition of “tuition and fees” to ensure that only resident rates are paid under the program. Related to the change in the following section.	
R53	35.14-20	50.18-22	Different	North Star Promise — Resident Tuition. The House requires MnState and requests UMN to ensure that all North Star Promise eligible students receive resident tuition rates. The Senate phrases this as a requirement on both systems. Related to the change in the previous section.	

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R53-54	35.21-36.16	50.23-51.17	Same	North Star Promise — Conditions for Eligibility Clarifies that a student who has completed the degree requirements for their first baccalaureate degree is no longer eligible for the scholarship, even if the student has not yet graduated with that baccalaureate degree.	
R54	36.16-23	51.18-25	Same	SELF Loans — Additional Institution Eligibility Requirements Removes the requirement that OHE determine whether institutions in another state maintain certain academic standards.	
R54-55	36.24-37.15	51.26-52.18	Same	SELF Loans — Classification of Data Removes OHE’s “the number of late payments in the previous 12 months” from the list of data elements that OHE may disclose to a consumer credit reporting agency with borrower consent.	
R55	37.16-38.5	N/A	House-only	SELF Loans — Terms and Conditions. The House adopts a section from OHE’s agency bill that: consolidates provisions related to OHE’s authority to determine maximum loan amounts per borrower and cumulatively for the program; and removes the current \$140K maximum lifetime limit for an individual student.	
R55-56	38.6-39.30	52.19-54.16	Same	Tribal College Supplemental Assistance—Eligibility; Grant Assistance. Except for the Senate-only additions discussed in the next line, both bodies expand this program to provide financial assistance to Tribal colleges based on beneficiary students (i.e. Minnesota resident students who are members of a recognized Indian Tribe), as well as nonbeneficiary students (i.e. Minnesota resident students who are not members of a recognized Indian Tribe). The appropriation for this section is at R3.	
R56	N/A	53.5-15	Senate-only	Tribal College Supplemental Assistance—Eligibility; Grant Assistance. The Senate includes language clarifying that supplemental assistance is available in fall, spring, and summer terms. The Senate also includes a minimum and maximum award amount for each college. This section is otherwise identical. The appropriation for this section is at R3.	
R56-57	39.11-40.6	53.30-54.22	Same	Dual Training Grant — Definitions / Eligible Training Provider. These two sections amend a definition to specify that certificates, diplomas, or degrees earned under the program must come from accredited postsecondary institutions.	
R57	40.7-10	N/A	House-only	Dual Training Grant — Employer Match. The House increases the required cost-of-training cost match for large employers from 25 percent to 50 percent of the cost of training.	

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R57	40.11-19	N/A	House-only	Dual Training Grant — Grant Amounts. The House doubles the maximum grant amounts available under the program.	
R58-63	40.20-46.7	54.23-60.14	Similar — technical differences	Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act. These sections make OHE’s recommended changes to the Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, which include increases in certain fees. Other than technical differences on R60, these sections are all identical. <u>Nonpartisan staff recommend the House language.</u>	
R63-73	46.8-58.9	60.15-71.30	Similar — technical differences	Private Career School Act. These sections make OHE’s recommended changes to the Private Career School Act, which include increases in certain fees. Except for some minor technical differences, the sections are largely identical, except that the House adopts a section including a new policy subdivision at R63. <u>Nonpartisan staff recommend the House language.</u>	
R73	N/A	72.1-73.2	Senate-only	Planning Information for Postsecondary Students. The Senate adopts a section from OHE’s agency bill removing a requirement for OHE to gather Minnesota institutions’ dual-credit acceptance policies.	
R75	58.24	N/A	House-only	Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grants — Grant Program. The House does not include “for-profit organizations” from eligibility for the grants. This section is otherwise identical	
R75	N/A	73.23-75.23	Senate-only	UMN – Endowed Chair Account; Mineral Research; Scholarships. The Senate amends the statute governing how funds are distributed out of the permanent university fund, which receives royalties from mining under state mineral leases. The Senate reallocates funds and raises the cap on how much money can be provided to the Natural Resources Research Institute-Duluth and Coleraine facilities.	
R77	N/A	75.24-76.2	Senate-only	UMN — Disabled Veterans; Landscape Arboretum Amends the statute to include one guest of a disabled veteran.	
R77	N/A	76.3-27	Senate-only	Health – Administration of Opiate Antagonists. The Senate adds employees of secondary institutions to the list of individuals who may be authorized to administer opiate antagonists. Note: the House is carrying this provision in its omnibus Health bill (see HF2435).	

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R78	N/A	76.28-77.25	Senate-only	Bonding – Small issue pool allocation. The Senate includes an OHE-recommended provision that increases the amount that is available to the Office of Higher Education through the small pool bond allocation program from \$10 million to \$25 million.	
R79	N/A	78.12-78.16	Senate-only	Surplus Appropriation Unavailable. The Senate suspends the application of section 136A.121, subdivision 7a, which permits OHE to increase State Grant awards in the event of a surplus appropriation, in fiscal years 2026 through 2028.	
R79	N/A	78.17-79.3	Senate-only	MnState Enrollment Fraud Working Group. The Senate establishes a working group to develop policy recommendations to prevent fraudulent enrollment in online courses.	