



# A Balanced Budget for Affordable and Accessible Higher Education

## HF 2073

*With declining enrollment across higher education, House DFLers are providing a record increase in investment for Minnesota's colleges and universities. This budget prioritizes a higher education system that is accessible, affordable, and effectively building the skilled workforce Minnesota deserves.*

### Top Impacts:

#### Minnesota State

- Our Higher education budget fully funds a tuition freeze at Minnesota State for two years, saving students a combined \$75 million. The budget also provides \$50 million in one-time funding to address structural deficits across the system, saving jobs and programs.



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#### University of Minnesota

- For the University of Minnesota, House DFLers are providing additional one-time funding to address the tuition shortfall of \$48 million over the biennium. The budget also fully funds the U of M's systemwide safety and security request of \$10 million in FY 24-25, and provides an additional \$2 million per year.



#### Minnesota's Tribal Colleges

- Our budget dedicates \$3 million every year to the Office of Higher Education for grants to three of Minnesota's Tribal Colleges. \$1 million to Leech lake Tribal College, \$1 million to White Earth Tribal College, and \$1 million to Red lake Nation Tribal College.



#### Workforce Development

- To train tomorrow's workforce, the higher education budget invests \$10.75 million per year in scholarships dedicated to assisting students who are pursuing high-demand jobs, and \$12.5 million per year to purchase the needed equipment to better serve workforce demands. An additional \$6.75 million per year is allocated to expand industry-specific programming.