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Overview

This bill expands the statutory mission of the state universities by authorizing them to offer applied doctoral degrees. Under current law, the mission of the state universities is limited to graduate instruction through the master's degree level. In addition to the statutory limitation on doctoral degrees, the omnibus higher education finance bill typically has an uncoded rider provision prohibiting the planning or development of doctoral programs or degrees by either the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Board of Trustees or the state university campuses without the prior recommendation of legislative committees.