



INVESTING IN MINNESOTA'S STUDENTS AND FUTURE WORKFORCE

All Minnesotans deserve access to quality education, which is why House DFLers are committed to ensuring college costs are affordable for working families.

Affordability:

House DFLers' "Land of 10,000 Opportunities" two-year free college program in this bill will put the promise of higher education, and an entry point to the middle class, within reach for every single child in a low-middle income family in Minnesota. This will make a free two-year college education achievable for over 15,000 students in Minnesota to access a high demand and high paying career. The bill also increases supports for student parents and students studying social



work, education, and addiction medicine. The State Grant formula is also adjusted to reduce the Assigned Student Responsibility (ASR) by two percentage points, resulting in a \$250 award increase per eligible student.

Sustainability:

The bill makes significant investments in reducing higher ed's climate impact by funding sustainability improvements at the U of M. It also funds higher ed research into groundbreaking natural resources technologies at the Natural Resources Research Institute in northern Minnesota and facilitates the creation of a 50-year clean water plan in our state.

Equity:

House DFLers are increasing our 2021 investments to support Black, Indigenous, and Minnesotans of color who are teachers, underrepresented student teachers, and students who are also parents trying to finish degrees. The bill also makes historic changes for students with intellectual disabilities seeking access to higher education. The Inclusive Higher Education grants in the bill will open doors on college campuses to thousands of unserved or underserved students with intellectual disabilities. The bill also increases investments supporting Native American students receiving the Minnesota Indian Scholarship, and it increases funding for Minnesota's Tribal Colleges.

Student Well-Being & Safety

The bill also ensures our Minnesota college students are learning in a safe environment by funding the U of M's campus safety request to create safer spaces on campuses through technology enhancement, lights, doors and protecting sensitive data from cyberattack. The bill also funds MinnState's requests to increase mental health and student basic needs supports to help provide students with the services they need to be healthy and productive on campus.