



OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

APPROPRIATIONS

Summary of 2022 General Assembly Appropriation to U of I operating budget:

- U of I supplemental increase of \$28.1M for FY2022
- FY23 U of I increase of \$33.2 million +5.3% to \$655.2 million
- Includes increase of 5% for LER lines (to \$687.1 thousand and \$893.3 thousand)
- Includes \$3M in new funding for the Illinois Innocence Project at UIS and \$2M for a newly created Climate Jobs Institute (within LER created in BIMP HB4700)
- No increase for the following legislative add-ons: PRI, Hospital, HCOE, Dixon Springs, Public Policy Institute, and Illinois Heart Rescue
- COM Rockford \$500 thousand appropriation from the General Professions Dedicated Fund remains as well as all other special state fund appropriation (including reapprop of the carbon dioxide funding and the Water Rate Study funding)
- Additional \$6M from the Coal Tech Fund for continuation of the carbon dioxide technology projects in consultation with the US Department of Energy
- Fire Services Fund is intended to reflect the statutory amounts for regular operation and for the Cornerstone Training program at the statutory amount of \$5,127.3 thousand (+432.6 thousand).
- MAP funding increases by \$122.0 million, to \$601 million, up 27% over FY22. Maximum award increased to \$8,508; expands eligibility to students seeking short-term credentials and certificates.
- AIM High funding remains flat at the FY22 amount of \$35.0 million.
- \$230 million appropriation for College Illinois to address the remaining unfunded liabilities of the program (was completed earlier in session)
- SURS is at the certified amount of \$2.12 billion – an increase of 0.8%, or \$17.3 million over FY22 appropriated amount. Additional one-time funding of \$38.8M was appropriated from the pension stabilization fund.
- No new capital, all outstanding capital projects are reappropriated.

SUBSTANTIVE BILLS

SUPPORT

[HB722](#)-Name Image Likeness effective date (Buckner/Bennett)

Changes the effective date of HB1175 to be immediately

Status: Passed both houses

[HB1172](#): State Universities Civil Service Omnibus (Stuart)

Provides that all examinations given under the University System shall be open to all applicants

Status: Held on 2nd Reading

[HB1175](#): Name Image Likeness updates (Buckner/Harris)

Allow for institutional discretion regarding facilitation of student-athlete NIL activities and other changes

Status: Passed both houses

[HB2770](#): Procurement reforms (Munoz/Stuart)

Allows for Illinois public universities to enter into 30-year leases agreements, allows automotive reciprocity to help minority vendors, includes a two year investment RFP exemption, changes the disclosure requirements and exemption posting for small purchases, renewal clarification on CPO activity, IDHR cure and establishes a taskforce to report on further procurement reforms needed to legislate in the fall veto session.

Status: Passed both houses

[HB4332](#): Healthy Care Registry-Identity (Hirschauer/Villa)

Allows for a federal tax identification number to be used if a student does not have a social security number

Status: Passed both houses

[HB4724](#): Retail Sales Act Amendment to decrease textbook costs (Burke/Bennett)

Allows universities to extend credit to students to purchase textbooks and school supplies

Status: Passed both houses

[HB5186](#): Budget for Results-Audit finding fixes (Davis/Harris)

Repeals the U of I Gerontological Committee Act and the Illinois Health Policy Center Act to clean up audit findings

Status: Passed both houses

[SB3613](#): Hydrogen Economy Task Force (Ellman/Costa Howard)

Bill to create a task force to discuss how we get federal funds for hydrogen hub to Illinois

Status: Passed both houses

OPPOSE

[HB2992](#): Requires U of I Hospital to offer health insurance to all employees (Lilly)

Status: Re-referred to Rules

[HB3898](#): Healthy Workplace Act. Required sick time off for student workers (Gordon-Booth)

Status: Re-Referred to Rules

[HB4361](#): Minimum Salary for instructors of not Less than \$1,333.33 per credit hour taught (Conroy)

Status: Re-referred to Assignments

[HB4676](#): Creates the Second Chance State Behavioral Health Workforce Development Act (Conroy)

Requires each university to admit one previously incarcerated returning resident annually into a program that will lead them to be a licensed behavioral healthcare professional

Status: Re-referred to Rules

[HB5315](#): Class posting notifications and free parking for adjunct professors (Stuart)

Status: Re-referred to Assignments

[SB3046](#): SURS Pension Omnibus (Martwick)

Status: Re-referred to Assignments

[SB3856](#): Free Higher Education Course Material (Bennett)

Requires the university to supply free text books for all

Status: Re-referred to Assignments

NO POSITION

[HB4201](#): Higher Education Benefits Navigator (West/Pacione-Zayas)

No position with university amendment

Status: Passed both houses

[HB5408](#): Codifies SURS existing practices (Ammons/Bennett)

Status: Passed both houses

[SB0819](#): Map grants can be used toward room and board and books (Fine)

Status: Remains in committee

[SB3009](#): University Unemployment Insurance (Holmes)

Status: Re-referred to Assignments

[SB3032](#): Student Debt Assistance Act (Fine/Morgan)

No position with university amendment

Status: Passed both houses

FUTURE WORK

U of I Procurement Relief

- COPS
- Single Prime
- Design Build
- Investment protections
- Reforms to attract minority vendors
- Higher Ed CPO

Increase for budget line items

LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Joint Illinois Public University Advocacy Campaign

- #RevestIllinois paid media campaign that included videos and add on targeted social media channels

Amplified Message through Advocacy

- Over 2,000 advocates and supporters
- Over 5,250 emails to Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly
- Letters of support
 - Leaders from all 12 Illinois public state universities came together to submit a joint letter requesting support from the Illinois General Assembly for public higher education in the upcoming budget cycle.
 - Alumni board leaders from each of these universities also sent a joint letter in support.

Virtual Advocacy

- Virtual constituent meetings from June-present with the Illinois General Assembly.
 - Around 352 advocates participated in more than 34 meetings.
- January joint meeting of the U of I System and NIU caucuses.
 - The meeting provided an update on the universities' collaborative research initiatives including progress of the Illinois Innovation Network, legislative priorities designed to drive economic growth across the state, and the importance of continued investment in higher education.
- February "Coffee with Killeen: State Priorities"
 - A conversation about the system's "Reinvest Illinois" campaign where President Killeen discussed why it is time for our state to reinvest in Illinois public universities and answered

questions from attendees. More than 560 people joined. In case you missed it, you can view that recording on [YouTube](#).

- February briefings for the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.

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- The meeting provided an overview on IIN and DPI priorities and programming designed to build the talent tech pipeline and workforce development across diverse communities in Illinois.
- March virtual student lobby day
 - Students from all three universities gathered to share their experiences and voice support towards why the state should reinvest in the U of I System.
 - These student-led meetings were held with State Sens. Michael E. Hastings, Chapin Rose, Doris Turner and Celina Villanueva; and State Reps. Scott M. Bennett, La Shawn Ford, Sandy Hamilton and Katie Stuart.

In-Person Advocacy

- March U of I Caucus breakfast
 - Conversation that included our Presidential Executive Leadership Program Fellows and our U of I Caucus members.