



[HF 2242](#) – Regents Universities, Five-Year Tuition Freeze (LSB5959HV.1)
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 Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the House

Description

[House File 2242](#) prohibits the Board of Regents from increasing the annual amount of tuition rates charged for resident undergraduate students at institutions under its control. The prohibition is repealed July 1, 2031. The Bill takes effect upon enactment.

Background

Iowa’s three Regents institutions — the University of Iowa (SUI), Iowa State University (ISU), and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) — currently establish tuition rates under the authority of the Board of Regents. Tuition increases are typically reviewed and approved in June of the preceding academic year. Over the last 10 years, SUI has raised tuition fees by an average of 3.7% per year, ISU by 3.4% per year, and UNI by 2.6% per year.

Resident undergraduate enrollment counts are provided by the Board’s Fall 2025 Enrollment [Report](#): SUI reported 13,244 students, ISU 14,894 students, and UNI 7,036 students.

Assumptions

- The tuition freeze is assumed to apply beginning in FY 2027 and FY 2026 rates remain in effect through FY 2031.
- Under current law, resident undergraduate tuition is assumed to increase by 3.7% at SUI, 3.4% at ISU, and 2.6% at UNI for all future years. **Figure 1** details FY 2026 tuition and projections through FY 2031.

Figure 1 — Regents Tuition Projections

	SUI Tuition	ISU Tuition	UNI Tuition
FY 2026	\$ 9,565	\$ 9,530	\$ 8,792
10-Year Average Increase	3.7%	3.4%	2.6%
Est FY 2027	\$ 9,917	9,853	9,017
Est FY 2028	10,282	10,215	9,248
Est FY 2029	10,660	10,591	9,485
Est FY 2030	11,052	10,980	9,728
Est FY 2031	11,458	11,384	9,977

- Resident undergraduate enrollment is assumed to remain flat over the projection period.
- All resident undergraduate students are assumed to pay the full published tuition rate. No adjustments are made for tuition discounts, waivers, or differential tuition programs.

Fiscal Impact

Figure 2 details the maximum loss of tuition revenue by university by fiscal year and by total impact of the five-year tuition freeze. These amounts may be lower after factoring in adjustments for tuition discounts, waivers, or differential tuition programs.

Figure 2 — Tuition Revenue Reduction by Fiscal Year (in Millions)

	SUI	ISU	UNI	Total
FY 2027	\$ 4.7	\$ 4.8	\$ 1.6	\$ 11.1
FY 2028	9.5	10.2	3.2	22.9
FY 2029	14.5	15.8	4.9	35.2
FY 2030	19.7	21.6	6.6	47.9
FY 2031	25.1	27.6	8.3	61.0
Total	\$ 73.4	\$ 80.0	\$ 24.6	\$ 178.0

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Sources

Legislative Services Agency calculations
Board of Regents

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