

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 121

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

WHEREAS, chapter two hundred sixty-three A (263A) of the Code, provides that the state board of regents after authorization by a constitutional majority of the general assembly may carry out any project as defined in that chapter of the Code at the state university of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, chapter two hundred sixty-three A (263A) of the Code, authorizes the state board of regents to borrow money and to issue and sell negotiable bonds or notes to pay all or any part of the cost of carrying out such projects at the institution payable solely and only from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of a sufficient portion of the university hospital income; and

WHEREAS, many of the facilities of the hospitals at the state university of Iowa were built approximately fifty years ago and are inadequate to meet present and future demands for statewide specialty care and teaching services; and

WHEREAS, five hundred nine beds of the hospitals at the state university of Iowa have been determined by the state department of health to be "nonconforming" and no longer meet modern hospital building codes and standards and, further, detailed studies have shown that upgrading these facilities to modern standards would be prohibitive because of the cost; and

WHEREAS, one hundred nine of the five hundred nine nonconforming beds remain in large open wards, some consisting of twenty-six beds, and do not meet the present day standards relating to infection control, patient privacy, and spatial requirements of a modern tertiary level teaching hospital, and further, detailed studies have shown that remodeling these existing large wards into smaller units would be prohibitive because of the cost while not resolving the basic spatial deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the growing emphasis on ambulatory care has resulted in an expansion in utilization of outpatient clinic facilities, exceeding the capacity of existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, to alleviate these conditions, the state board of regents requests authorization to construct a vertical addition to the Roy J. Carver Pavilion of approximately one hundred thirty thousand gross square feet to house outpatient clinics and inpatient facilities for one hundred thirty-three beds, and to construct supporting mechanical facilities at an estimated total cost of thirteen million one hundred thirty-five thousand (13,135,000) dollars of which not more than twelve million (12,000,000) dollars would be financed by borrowing under the provisions of chapter two hundred sixty-three A (263A) of the Code, and the remainder to be financed by other funds; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, That the state board of regents is authorized to construct an addition of one hundred thirty thousand gross square feet of floor space, more or less, to the Roy J. Carver Pavilion of the general hospital of the state university of Iowa to house outpatient clinics and inpatient facilities and to construct supporting mechanical facilities at an estimated total cost of thirteen million one hundred thirty-five thousand (13,135,000) dollars of which not more than twelve million (12,000,000) dollars would be financed by borrowing through the issuance of bonds as authorized by the provisions of chapter two hundred sixty-three A (263A) of the Code.

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