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December 17, 2019
Representative Fred Anderson
Chair, Education Interim Committee
Montana State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Education Interim Committee Enabling Statute

Dear Chair Anderson,

The Legislative Finance Committee has had an opportunity to review and discuss the memo to the Education Interim Committee dated August 18, 2019, regarding its enabling statute, §5-5-224, MCA, paying specific attention to the provisions in subsection (2) addressing budget and finance. The Legislative Finance Committee has no objections to the elimination of subsection (2) of §5-5-224, MCA.

A thorough legislative review of budget and finance issues for the Montana University System (MUS) and Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is conducted by the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Section E) through the appropriation process each legislative session. In addition, the LFC reviews the budget and expenditures of the MUS and OCHE during its quarterly meetings.

Thank you for allowing the LFC to provide comment prior to your final recommendation for amending EDIC's enabling statute.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Senator Ryan Osmundson.

Senator Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair
Legislative Finance Committee

Handwritten signature of Representative David Bedey.

Representative David Bedey, Chair
LFC Education Subcommittee