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STATE OGR END OF SESSION LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2014

Summary: This report updates the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and internal stakeholders on the General Assembly end of session activity. This includes a summary of bills of particular interest to the University of Illinois and higher education, with links to the actual language of the legislation.

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I. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FY15 APPROPRIATIONS

FY15 budget summary is below. Thank you to the Office of Planning & Budgeting for the analysis.

Operating Budget (Public Act 98-0678)

- U of I FY15 appropriations from EAF and GRF for operations decrease to \$662.083M (decrease of \$1.4 million or -0.2%).
- Total for Public Universities decreased by \$2.75 million or -0.2%. It does not appear that the budget reflects IBHE performance based funding for Public Universities.
- Total for Higher Education, excluding SURS remains at FY14 level.
- The hospital transfer (\$45M) and the Prairie Research Institute (\$16.8M) are included in the above total at FY14 level.
- The COM Rockford \$500 thousand from the General Professions Dedicated Fund remains at FY14 level.
- EAF legislative add-ons for the University of Illinois are kept at FY14 levels.
- SURS funding increases to \$1.55 billion an increase of 2.3% over FY14.
- The Fire Services Fund reflects the statutory amounts for regular operation and for the Cornerstone Training program.
- The \$45M for all universities (and \$24.9M out of the direct appropriation for the U of I) continues to go to the State for health care costs.

Capital Budget (Governor Item Veto PA 98-0675)

 No new capital appropriations for U of I, or higher education. All continuing projects reappropriated.

Financial Aid (Public Act 98-0681)

- MAP funding up slightly by \$56.4 thousand to \$373.3M. Up to 2% of this appropriation can be used for administrative and operational costs.
- New general fund support for outreach and training activities of \$1.02 million.
- All ISAC grant lines remain at FY14 level except HELP increased by \$20 thousand to \$110 thousand.

Statewide Grant Programs

- County Board Matching funds and Youth Development funds remain at FY14 levels of \$10M and \$994.7 thousand. (Public Act <u>98-0679</u>)
- Cook County Extension remains at FY14 level of \$2,449.2 thousand. (Public Act <u>98-0679</u>)
- Department of Public Health: U of I Sickle-Cell Clinic Grant remains at FY14 level of \$495 thousand. (Public Act <u>98-0678</u>))
- There continues to be no CFAR Grant Funding in FY15.

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- Operation CEASEFIRE within the Dept. of Corrections is funded at the FY14 level of \$4.7M. (Public Act <u>98-0681</u>)
- The U of I DSCC Grant is reduced to \$7.0M through the Department of Public Health. This is a reduction of \$800 thousand, or -10.3%, however it is a technical adjustment and will not have an impact on services. (Public Act <u>98-0678</u>)
- All IBHE grants remain at FY2014 levels. (Public Act 98-0678)
- Fire Explorer and Cadet School program is funded at FY14 level of \$65 thousand through the Office of the State Fire Marshall. (Public Act <u>98-0678</u>)

<u>Other</u>

 \$19 thousand appropriated to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for costs associated with the operation of the Office of Real Estate Research at the University of Illinois. Same as FY14. (Public Act <u>98-0679)</u>

II. Bills that passed both Houses with U of I support

ACADEMICS

Accreditation body in Clinical Psychology (SB3406 Biss/Conroy)-Support

- Makes changes to the qualifications for licensure as a clinical psychologist. Requires that an applicant for licensure be a graduate of a doctoral program in clinical, school, or counseling psychology either accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System or approved by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or other national board (rather than accredited by the American Psychological Association or approved by the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or other national board).
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0849</u>

Distance Learning SARA (SB3441HA1 McGuire/Pritchard)-Support

 The University of Illinois is strongly in support of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Within the three campuses of the University, students represent all 50 states and two U.S. territories. The adaption of SARA would mean a significant cost savings to the University as well as a simplified process for approval. Anticipated benefits of the legislation include: uniform set

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of triggers for determining physical presence within a state, more effective method of ensuring quality and integrity of online offerings for students in Illinois, oversight by "home" State of Illinois.

- Pritchard filed <u>House Amendment 1 to ensure the Attorney General can continue</u> <u>enforcement powers.</u>
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0792</u>

School Standards/Assessments (SB3412 Steans/Davis)-Support*

- From the Illinois State Board of Education. The proposal repeals the current Section of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/2-3.64) regarding student assessments and rewrites those provisions in a new section that allows for new assessments that will be aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards that were updated in 2010.
- The new Section clarifies the frequency and types of assessments while maintaining protections for special education students and English language learners.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0972</u>

High School Feedback Audit Finding (HB5679 HA1 Hammond/Sullivan)-Support

- HB5679 deletes obsolete language out of the nine public university systems' statues concerning the High School Feedback System. The legislation will clean up outdated statutes and eliminate audit findings. The amendment adds all public universities to the bill. This is clean up language to reflect how this information is being reported and to prevent an audit finding.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0742</u>

FINANCE

Centralized Grant Management/Accountability (<u>HB2747 Crespo/Kotowski</u>)-Support**

- Creates a centralized grants accountability within the Governor's Office
- Came to an agreement with Senate staff and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to only make this affect our state appropriated grants and federal pass through, somewhat, as well as other changes. *Ask Jennifer for full analysis.*
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0706</u>

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President and BOT signatures (SB230 Manar/Jakobbson)-Support

- Eliminates the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees signature and the use of the corporate seal, instead this bill places the signature in the hands of the President of each University which would eliminate postal costs, reduce time and streamline the process.
- A bill passed the Senate last session but failed to pass the House.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0788</u>

PROCUREMENT

Procurement code-leases (HB5491SA1 Currie/Biss)-Support**

Language for the Universities

- Includes "research" in the exemption under subsection (b)(1) of 30 ILCS 500/1-13, which applies to institutions of higher education. Subsection (b)(1) pertains to membership in organizations.
- New exemption for procurement of FDA-regulated supplies, and for procurement of medical services necessary for the delivery of care and treatment at medical, dental, or veterinary teaching facilities utilized by Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois.
- New exemption for procurement expenditures for placements of students in externships, practicums, field experiences, medical residencies, and rotations.
- New exemption for contracts for programming and broadcast license rights for university-operated radio and television stations.
- Extends the sunset date for the higher education provisions of the Code from December 31, 2014 until December 31, 2016.

STATUS: Public Act <u>98-1076</u>.

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III. Other bills that passed both Houses

ACADEMICS

Industrial Hemp (HB5085SA1 Leitch/LaHood)-Neutral

- Provides that an institution of higher education or the Department of Agriculture may grow or cultivate industrial hemp if (1) the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated for purposes of research conducted under an agricultural pilot program or other agricultural or academic research, (2) the pilot program studies the growth, cultivation, or marketing of industrial hemp, and (3) any site used for the growing or cultivating of industrial hemp is certified by, and registered with, the Department of Agriculture.
- Provides that if an institution of higher education decides to conduct research, then, prior to conducting the research, the institution of higher education shall notify the Department of Agriculture and any local law enforcement agency in writing. Provides that the institution of higher education shall provide quarterly reports and an annual report to the Department of Agriculture on the research and the research program shall be subject to random inspection by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of State Police, or local law enforcement agencies.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-1072</u>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

U of I Student Trustee Resident (HB4284 Jakobsson/Frerichs)-Neutral

• Amends the University of Illinois Trustees Act with respect to the requirement that a student trustee be a resident of this state. The bill would prohibit the University from using residency for tuition purposes as a factor in making the determination that a student or is not an Illinois resident. Would allow out-of-state students who have established residency in Illinois to run for student trustee. Rep. Jakobbson did amend to be more specific on residency requirements, as well as read legislative intent into the record that this will not affect residency for tuition purposes.

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- U of I filed <u>Senate Committee Amendment No. 1</u>: Provides that a positive demonstration of residency in this State for student trustees and candidates for student trustees does not apply to residency requirements for tuition purposes.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0778</u>

HUMAN RESOURCES

OSHA system for Illinois public employees <u>SB1103SA1</u> (T. Cullerton/Andrade)-Neutral

- SA1-deletes all. Creates the Occupational Health and Safety Act- to apply to all State agencies, including universities and units of local government. Essentially applies an OSHA like system of standards for Illinois public employees to protect them from workplace hazards, etc. Administered by the Dept. of Labor, who shall adopt rules for implementation. Permits Department of Labor to inspect workplaces, etc. Permits imposing penalties including criminal penalties. Repeals the Health and Safety Act and amends the Workers Compensation Act and the Workers Occupational Diseases Act to reflect the new Act.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0874</u>

MEDICAL

J-1 Visas (SB3440 SA1 Mulroe/Ford)-Neutral

- The changes mainly affect the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide support for their administration of the J-1 Visa Waiver Program.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-1006</u>

RESEARCH

Patent Infringement (SB3405SA1 Biss/Williams)-Neutral

• Provides that it is an unlawful practice to claim that another has infringed upon a United States patent if the claim falsely threatens adverse administrative or judicial action, the assertions lack a reasonable basis in fact or law, the person

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making the assertion is not, or does not represent, a person with a current right to license the patent, or the claim fails to make certain other disclosures.

STATUS: Public Act <u>98-1119</u>

TUITION/FEES

Pay it Forward STUDY (HB5323HA1 Franks/Frerichs)-Neutral*

- Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to undertake a study to determine the practical and fiscal impacts of adopting a program in Illinois similar to Pennsylvania's Pay It Forward Pay It Back program.
- STATUS: Pubic Act <u>98-0920</u>

DCFS Scholarships (HB4652 Feigenholtz/Hunter)-Neutral

- Amends the Children and Family Services Act concerning scholarships and fee waivers, provides that each year the Department of Children and Family Services shall select a minimum of 53 students (at least four of whom shall be children of veterans) to receive scholarships and fee waivers which will enable them to attend and complete their postsecondary education at a community college, university, or college.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0805</u>

<u>OTHER</u>

FOIA Voluminous Request (HB3796HA1 Currie/Hastings)-Neutral

- Provides that a public body shall comply with specified notice requirements and deadlines in responding to a voluminous request. Provides that when a requester makes a voluminous request, the public body may charge specified fees for electronic data. Provides that, with specified exceptions, a public body is not required to copy and make available for public inspection a public record that is published on the public body's website. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.
- STATUS: Governor Veto

Smoke Free Campus (SB2202 Link/Williams)-Neutral*

- Beginning on July 1, 2014, smoking is prohibited on each campus of a Statesupported institution of higher education.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0985</u>

Smoking in Cars on Campus (HB3961SA1 Lang/Link)-Neutral

- If and only if Senate Bill 2202 of the 98th General Assembly, as amended by House Amendment No. 1, becomes law, then the Smoke-Free Campus Act is amended in a section on prohibitions on smoking to allow smoking in certain vehicles parked on a campus (currently smoking is only allowed in certain vehicles while traveling through a campus).
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0979</u>

Referendum on Minimum Wage Increase (HB3814HA1 Madigan/Lightford)-Neutral*

- Adds minimum wage increase to \$10 as a referendum on the November ballot.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0657</u>

Quotas and law enforcement management <u>SB3411</u> (Manar/Hoffman)-No University Position

- Provides that a county or municipality may not require a law enforcement officer to issue a specific number of citations within a designated period of time. Provides that a county or municipality may not, for purposes of evaluating a law enforcement officer's job performance, compare the number of citations issued by the law enforcement officer to the number of citations issued by any other law enforcement officer who has similar job duties. Provides that a municipality with its own independent inspector general and law enforcement review authority is not subject to the requirements of the amendatory Act. Provides that such prohibition shall not affect the receipt of federal or State grants or funds used to fund traffic enforcement programs.
- Campus police department joined the Champaign Sheriff's office in opposing.
- STATUS: Public Act <u>98-0650</u>

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IV. Bills that did not move because of U of I opposition

ACADEMICS

Private College Religious Degree (SB2846SA1&3 Haine/Mautino)-Oppose*

- Would allow certain church/church affiliated entities in Illinois to offer a "degree," in spite of the fact that they are non-accredited, and IBHE has not approved their programs.
- While this bill only effects the Private College Act, it clearly has larger ramifications on what higher education has recognized and placed value on as a degree, and obviously has the potential to open up the gates for more institutions to bypass the accepted route for permission to offer a degree in Illinois. In spite of opposition by the Federation and the IBHE, the bill sailed through the Senate.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

Big Ten Commission Study (<u>SB3526</u> Murphy/Sandack)-Oppose

- Requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a Big Ten Feasibility Study Commission to deliberate and determine the feasibility of having another public university in this state becomes a part of the Big Ten Conference and how this might be accomplished, while remaining revenue neutral to this state.
- **STATUS:** House re-referred to Rules

School Records (SB3092 Delgado/Drury)-Oppose**

- Limits the disclosure of personally identifiable information by the State Board or a
 public school with respect to (i) a contractor, consultant, or other party to whom
 the State Board or school has outsourced services or functions; (ii) a party
 conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the State Board or school; (iii) any
 party for a commercial use; or (iv) the provision of services other than
 contracting, studies, and audits or evaluations.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

School Records Release (HB4558 Drury)-Oppose

- Provides that a separate, prior, specific, dated, written consent shall be required from the parent or eligible student for each release, transfer, disclosure, or dissemination of school student records or information.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

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SJR59 (Silverstein)-Oppose

- Condemns the call for academic boycotts of any recognized global institution of learning and applauds the colleges and universities in the State of Illinois that has spoken out against such curtailing of academic freedom.
- No force of law, just an expression of legislative sentiment.
- **STATUS:** Postponed Judiciary Committee

STEM Tuition Freeze (HB5833 Anthony)-Oppose

• Provides that, subject to appropriation to offset the costs, for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 academic years, the tuition charged an undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident pursuing a major in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field of study must not exceed the tuition amount charged an undergraduate student who is an Illinois resident for the 2014-2015 academic year.

• STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

Limit Anti-Israeli Boycott (SB3017 SA1 Silverstein)-Oppose

- SB3107 SA1 would limit academic groups' protests against Israel. Senator Silverstein agreed to not call this bill in committee. He was made aware of President Easter's December 27, 2013 statement opposing a boycott of Israeli academic institutions. This legislation is modeled after a bill in the New York legislature that failed to gain support.
- STATUS: Senate re-referred to Assignments

Advanced Placement Exam Credit (HB4257 Chapa LaVia)-Oppose

- Requires each public institution of higher education to comply with the same standard of awarding course credit to any student receiving a score of 3 or higher on a College Board Advanced Placement examination and applying the credit to meet a corresponding course requirement for degree completion at that institution of higher education.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules.

ATHLETICS

Made in America (HB4559 Smith)-Oppose

- Athlete uniforms and equipment must be manufactured in the United States
- AFL-CIO bill
- The University of Illinois has a contract agreement with Nike.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules.

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FINANCE

Centralized Grant Management/Accountability (HB3820 Crespo/Althoff)-Oppose**

- Creates a centralized grants management unit within the Governor's Office, and shall report directly to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.
- U of I strongly opposed as introduced. We were successful in getting the sponsors and staff to listen to our concerns and adopt our required language.
- See HB2747
- STATUS: Senate re-referred to Assignments

Measure to Eliminate Automatic Transfers (SB277 SA2&3 Kotowski)-Oppose**

- Would end the automatic transfer for the UI Hospital, and make it subject to appropriation every year. Creating a cash flow and cost sharing problem.
- Worked with House staff to get UI Hospital taken out of the bill, if it were to pass.
- Hand delivered opposition letter to President Cullerton, Sen. Kotowski, and Kristin Richards (Appropriations Director).
- **STATUS:** Senate 3rd Reading.

1% Sales Tax toward Deferred Maintenance (<u>HB3884HA1</u> Soto)-Oppose

- 1% sales tax increase of goods sold on campus, with money to go toward campus deferred maintenance.
- Amendment makes this optional for approval by the Board of Trustees and only for university owned businesses.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Labor Agreement Hearings (HB4268 HA1&2 Ives)-Oppose

- Provides that all labor agreements must be posted online and an open meeting must be held.
- The University already posts all agreements online. We have over 50 collective bargaining units and an open meeting for each one would be unduly burdensome.
- **STATUS**: House re-referred to Rules

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PROCUREMENT

Procurement-Intergovernmental (HB4430 Sandack)-Oppose

- IPEC is working on an amendment to exempt all public universities.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

Procurement (HB5937 Mautino)-Oppose

- Makes numerous changes to the Illinois Procurement Code.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

TUITION/FEES

Higher Ed Fees (HB3360 Tryon)-Oppose

- The resident undergraduate tuition for lower-level and upper-level coursework at a state university shall be \$103.32 per credit hour. Provides that, beginning with the 2016 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

Tuition Waivers Repealed (<u>HB5385</u> Arroyo)-Oppose

- Repeals provisions that permit the children of employees of a state university who have been employed by any one or by more than one state university for an aggregate period of at least seven years to receive a 50% tuition waiver.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

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V. Other bills that did not move

ACADEMICS

Beirut Conflict (HB4914HA2 Hatcher/Collins)-Neutral

- Amends the University of Illinois Act in a Section concerning scholarships for the children of veterans. Adds as periods of hostilities for which a county may award a scholarship (i) any time during the siege of Beirut between June 14, 1982 and February 26, 1984 and (ii) any time during the Grenada Conflict between October 25, 1983 and December 15, 1983.
- Sponsor accepted our amendment that we take out the language regarding the awarding of more than one scholarship and simply adding the two conflicts to the list of those that were eligible.
- STATUS: Re-referred to Senate Assignments

Copyright (SB1099HA1 Harmon/Currie)-No position

- Provides that it is an unlawful practice under the Act for a person, in connection with the assertion of a United States copyright, to send or cause any person to send any written, including electronic, communication that states that the intended recipient or any affiliated person is infringing or has infringed a copyright and bears liability or owes compensation to another person, if: (1) the claim falsely threatens adverse administrative or judicial action; (2) the claim falsely states that litigation has been filed; (3) the assertions contained in the communication lack a reasonable basis in fact or law because of certain stated reasons; or (4) the communication fails to include certain information necessary to inform an intended recipient or any affiliated person about the copyright assertion. Defines "intended recipient" and "affiliated person".
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

FINANCE

Deferred Maintenance Finance (HB3944 HA2 Jakobbson/Trotter)-Neutral

- Redirects ten percent of any new capital project dollars toward deferred maintenance.
- Amendment makes the program optional, approval by the Board of Trustees.
- STATUS: Re-referred to Senate Assignments

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HUMAN RESOURCES

FOIA Severance Agreements (HB3664 Kosel/Althoff)-Neutral

- Provides that a severance agreement that is funded in whole or part by public moneys or that releases a claim against a public body shall not require or impose any condition on any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts, or any other information confidential, except that which is necessary to protect a trade secret, proprietary information, or information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Act.
- STATUS: Re-referred to Senate Assignments

PENSIONS

Money Purchase Date Fix (HB6225 Hays and SB2005 Rose)-Support

- Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In the moneypurchase formula of Rule 2, as amended by Public Act 98-599, bases the minimum money purchase amount on the annuity that would have been payable if the participant had retired on June 30, 2014 (rather than during the fiscal year preceding the effective date of P.A. 98-599). Includes a nonaccelerating provision. Effective immediately.
- STATUS: House bill in Rules. SB 2005 Amendment 1 went to subcommittee on special issues.

Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program (SB2758 Biss/Currie)-Neutral

- Establishes a retirement savings program in the form of an automatic enrollment payroll deduction IRA with the intent of promoting greater retirement savings for private-sector employees in a convenient, low-cost, and portable manner.
- **STATUS:** House re-referred to Rules

Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program (HB4595 Currie)-Neutral

- Establishes a retirement savings program in the form of an automatic enrollment payroll deduction IRA with the intent of promoting greater retirement savings for private-sector employees in a convenient, low-cost, and portable manner.
- **STATUS:** Remains in committee, see SB2758.

Public Employee Benefits (SB2887 SA1 Biss/Nekritz)-Neutral*

- New amendment makes changes in 2013 "retire rehire" law, creating a safe harbor for low income earners.
- **STATUS:** House re-referred to Rules

No pensions for felons (HB5816 Senger/Raoul)-Neutral

- Provides that if a member or participant of a pension fund or retirement system established under the Code is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, intimidation by a public official, bribery, official misconduct, engaging in kickbacks, fraudulently obtaining public moneys reserved for a disadvantaged business enterprise, or certain theft offenses, then none of the benefits that are provided for under the Code and that are attributable to the service of that person shall be paid.
- STATUS: Re-referred to Senate Assignments

PROCUREMENT

CPO/IL Chamber Procurement (SB1949 Althoff)-Neutral

- IL Chamber worked with CPO's on agreed language.
- STATUS: Senate referred to Assignments

CPO/IL Chamber Procurement (SB2011 Althoff)-Neutral

- Reviewed draft amendment that would extend sunset for higher ed. Nothing more for us in the draft amendment.
- This agreed to language was amended to HB5491
- STATUS: Senate 3rd Reading

TUITION/FEES

Pay if Forward/Pay it Back (SB3451 Frerichs)-Neutral

- Requires the Board of Higher Ed to create a pilot program to replace the current system of charging undergraduate students tuition and fees and other expenses at a public university.
- Sen. Frerichs passed the bill out of committee with the commitment to work with the universities on a possible amendment. Promised to not move the bill as is.
- STATUS: Senate 2nd Reading.

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MAP Grant Rules (HB4463 Kosel)-Neutral

- ISAC is opposed. Rep. Kosel worked on an amendment to codify the elements of the rules that we already have in place on academic progress rules.
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules

Pay if Forward/Pay it Back (SB3452 Frerichs)-Neutral

- Requires the Board of Higher Ed to commission a study to replace the current system of charging undergraduate students tuition and fees and other expenses at a public university.
- See HB5323
- STATUS: Senate re-referred to Assignments

<u>OTHER</u>

Obama Presidential Library (<u>HB6010</u> Madigan)-Support

- Appropriates \$100,000,000 from the Capital Development Fund to the Capital Development Board for the construction of a presidential library and museum dedicated to the legacy of President Barack Obama. Effective July 1, 2014.
- **STATUS:** House 3rd Reading.

Minimum Wage Increase (SB68 Lightford) -Neutral

- Increases in the minimum wage from the current \$8.25 an hour to \$10.65 an hour over two years.
- Effects on the University of Illinois: about \$8-9 million, only effect 22 regular employees and the rest are students
- STATUS: Senate 3rd Reading

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VI. **Items for Veto Session**

COPS U of I Bill (SB3553 Frerichs/Mautino)-Support**

- Legislation requested by the University of Illinois Office of Business and Financial Services
- Amends the State University Certificates of Participation Act to extend by ten years the current authority of the Board of Trustees of a state university to enter into financing agreements in connection with the financing or refinancing of capital improvements by selling certificates of participation.
- Sunset to expire 12/31/14
- STATUS: House re-referred to Rules. The Speaker would like to hold the bill until veto session since the sunset does not expire until 12/31/14.

Hospital Supplemental-Support**

\$25 million supplemental for University of Illinois Hospital

Procurement-Support**

Include exemption for Research