

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Sen. Kanavas:

Please review this bill to make sure that it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

1. I assume that you don't need any statutory language authorizing or requiring UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout to engage in the activities in the "NanoSTEM" initiative. Is that correct?
2. Because s. 20.285 (1) (a) is an annual appropriation, the increases for each fiscal year that are made in this bill must be expended in those fiscal years and any amounts that are not expended in the fiscal year will lapse to the general fund. Is that okay?
3. Note that s. 16.47 (2), stats., provides that, before passage of the executive budget bill, neither house may pass a bill that increases the cost of state government by more than \$10,000 annually unless the governor, the Joint Committee on Finance, or, in some cases, the committee on organization of either house recommends passage of the bill as an emergency appropriation bill. (Of course, s. 16.47 (2), stats., establishes a rule of legislative procedure, and thus the legislature determines the extent to which it is enforced.)

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