1. Issue: SB 2003, the higher education appropriations bill, requires the SBHE to appoint an employee of the system office to preapprove any expenditures for the Theodore Roosevelt Library project for the next biennium beginning immediately.


3. Background: The legislature directed that funding for the library project be spent only for planning, design, and construction. Expenditure of funds under this section must receive prior approval from the NDUS office. Additionally, no state appropriated funds may be used to match the TR Library Center project funds.

4. Financial implications: None

5. Academic implications: None


   SECTION 24. EXEMPTION - THEODORE ROOSEVELT CENTER PROJECT. Except as provided in this section, the amounts appropriated for the Theodore Roosevelt center project in section 3 of chapter 34 of the 2013 Session Laws and section 4 of chapter 49 of the 2013 Session Laws are not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from these sections are available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

   1. Of the unexpended appropriations available under this section, up to $750,000 may be used for the operations of the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library. Any remaining funds may be used only for the planning, design, and construction of the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library building and may not be used for operations, exhibits, or replica structures.

   2. Any expenditure of funds continued under this section, including funds used to match state funds, must be approved in advance by an employee of the office of commissioner of higher education designated by the state board of higher education.

   3. The director of the office of management and budget shall cancel any appropriation authority continued under this section on December 31, 2018, unless Dickinson state university has certified to the director that:

      a. Construction commenced on the presidential library building prior to December 31, 2018;
b. A North Dakota architect was used to design the presidential library building;

c. The cost of constructing the building, including planning and design costs, will exceed fourteen million dollars; and

d. Except as provided in subsection 1, no state appropriated funds designated for the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library building project nor any funds used to match the state funding are being used for purposes other than for planning, design, and construction costs of the building.


8. **Enclosures:** None

9. **Contact person:** Lisa Feldner, Chief of Staff

10. **Chancellor's Recommendation:** Recommends approval.