

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: HF 2362/HSB 549  
Committee: Higher Education  
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### Tuition Guarantee

- Board of Regents must establish a policy where the tuition amount charged to resident students in their first year won't change for the next 3 years until graduation.
- Fiscal Note: Estimated to require one-time technology and programming costs: UI-\$250,000, ISU-\$315,000, UNI-\$85,000.

**Figure 2 — Tuition Revenue Reduction (in Millions)**

| Regents Institution         | FY 2029 | FY 2030 | FY 2031 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| University of Iowa          | \$ 1.4  | \$ 3.9  | \$ 7.2  |
| Iowa State University       | 1.2     | 3.3     | 6.0     |
| University of Northern Iowa | 0.4     | 2.1     | 2.1     |
| Total                       | \$ 3.0  | \$ 8.3  | \$ 15.3 |

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 Section 262.9 New Subsection

Each institution governed by the BOR must establish a policy where the tuition amount charged to resident undergraduate students in their first academic year of enrollment, beginning 2027, will not increase in their subsequent years.

For students who begin their undergrad with sufficient academic transfer credits that they can complete their program in less than 4 years, the requirement only applies for the number of years needed to complete their degree.

If an undergraduate student transfers to another Regents institution after their first year of enrollment, and the tuition they would've been charged is greater, the institution they transferred to may charge the greater tuition amount.

This does not apply to any academic years beyond three consecutive academic undergraduate years after their first academic year of enrollment.

### Amendment Analysis

**Amendment H-8013 by Collins**-Prohibits the BOR from increasing the amount of tuition charged to resident undergraduates that is greater than the average of the increases in the higher education price index in the previous 3 years. This does not apply to a resident undergraduate student in an academic year if the tuition amount that can be charged to the student in the academic year is limited.

Adds that the tuition guarantee only applies to an undergraduate student if the student pays a fee to the institution established not to exceed 10% of the amount of tuition charged to the student in their first year.

**Amendment H-8016 by Collins**-Limits any increase in the amount of tuition charged to a resident undergraduate student to the average of the increases in the higher education price index in the previous 3 years. Does not apply to a resident undergraduate student if the tuition amount that can be charged is limited.

Adds that the tuition guarantee only applies to an undergraduate student, upon enrollment, the student pays a fee to the institution established not to exceed 10% of the base resident undergraduate tuition charged to the student in their first year.