

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.: BHE 23-30

BOARD DATE: February 14, 2023

**APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the attached Board of Higher Education budget priorities and recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024 (Attachment A), and further authorizes the Commissioner to submit the Board's budget priorities and recommendations to the Secretary of Education, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 15A, section 15B.

The Board further authorizes and directs the Commissioner to continue to work with the Secretary, Governor, and Legislature to finalize an FY2024 state budget for the Department and the public higher education system that supports the Board's collective priorities for the upcoming academic year.

VOTED: Motion adopted by the BHE on 2/14/2023.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 6, 9 and 15B.

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Background

As a part of the annual state budget cycle, the Board of Higher Education (Board) is required to approve and submit budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year to the Secretary of Education. M.G.L. c. 15A, §15B. This request includes funding for the Community Colleges and State Universities, as well as the programs administered by the Department of Higher Education. Attached as "Attachment A" are proposed budget priorities and recommendations submitted for Board approval. The budget priorities and recommendations are based upon the *Strategic Higher Education Financing Policy Framework (BHE 23-23)* approved by the Board during its December 13, 2022 meeting.

Staff recommendation is for the Board to approve the attached budget priorities and recommendations and authorize the Commissioner to forward the same to the Secretary of Education.