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## BUDGET DEFICIT

# Gov. wants \$171M higher ed cut

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Gov. Mark Dayton released his budget Tuesday, calling for a cut to higher education funding and a raise in Minnesota's income tax rate for the wealthy to make it the highest in the nation.

The budget would cut the state's \$6.2 billion deficit in half, in part by raising the income tax on the wealthiest 5 percent of Minnesotans.

Republicans said Dayton's approach was fundamentally off-base with the needs of the state and tax increases are out of the question.

Dayton's proposal comes days after he vetoed the Republicans' first aim at tackling the budget. The governor called the plan that included \$200 million in higher education spending cuts "piecemeal."

Under the governor's proposal, the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities would face \$171 million in cuts to their 2012-13 budget — a 6 percent decrease in expected allotments.

University Chief Financial Officer Richard Pfutzenreuter described Dayton's budget as "welcome news."

"His funding levels are good for the University," Pfutzenreuter said.

University President Bob Bruininks echoed that message in a press release.

"The Governor's proposed funding level for the University means we will be able to hold any tuition increase for Minnesota students for the upcoming academic year at a very modest amount necessary to cover inflation," he said.

Pfutzenreuter said the University will still have to find ways to decrease spending with measures like salary freezes.

Pfutzenreuter and Bruininks

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The State Grant program is immune from cuts under Dayton's plan.

## 2012-13 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

### Higher education



PROPOSED BUDGET  
\$27.46 BILLION

### Total expenditures



PROPOSED BUDGET  
\$370.90 BILLION

SOURCE: STATE OF MINNESOTA FY 2012-13 BIENNIAL BUDGET

WATER TRANSIT