

T&S Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative

To: Senate Higher Education Committee

From: Ann Hokanson

Re: SF 2075, support of

March 10, 2023

Dear Senators:

SF 2075 includes funding for MINITEX, an essential part of the state's information and library system for all kinds of libraries, including public.

They are requesting an increase in funding so they can make important nursing and health databases available statewide.

Centralized database purchasing is very cost-effective and equitable. The increase will fund health information. Health information needs to be available to health professionals, students, and the public regardless of in which part of Minnesota they reside. When academic institutions are forced to purchase databases individually, as is currently done, costs are higher, access is less, and access is not available to every potential user.

Please maintain this necessary and wise funding level request for Mintex as you consider the bill.

Sincerely,

Ann Hokanson
Executive Director