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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Phil Berger, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate
Representative Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives

FROM: Thomas Cheek, Assistant State Budget Officer for Statewide and Infrastructure
Thomas Cheek

SUBJECT: Expenditures for Emergency Capital Projects --- Western Carolina University

In accordance with G.S. 120-76.1 the following expenditures were approved without consulting the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations because of an emergency that posed an imminent threat to public health or public safety.

Emergency Temporary Steam Plant Equipment

Western Carolina University's (WCU) 1920's steam plant operates with four boilers with manufacturing dates ranging from 1951 to 1973. The oldest boiler has failed and has zero reliable steam output. This leaves the steam plant with current reliable operating capacity lower than historical peak demand. Therefore, WCU is in need of critical equipment replacement to guarantee reliable steam capacity to heat buildings and provide hot water. WCU's plan is to replace the 1951 boiler with three smaller, high efficiency boilers that can be quickly procured and installed.

Project authorization for this work was approved by the Board of Governors on October 29, 2015. WUC intends to use \$2,113,984 of operating funds to cover the cost of this project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 919-807-4738.

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