



MICHIGAN SENATE

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

Date Submitted: 03/29/2026

1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:

Senator Mark Huizenga

2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):

N/A

3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:

Calvin University School of Health

4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:

3201 Burton Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546

5. The recipient's employer identification number:

383071514

6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:

\$1,000,000.00

7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

The integration of simulation, virtual reality, high-fidelity technologies, and artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning into nursing education is essential for preparing the next generation of nurses to efficiently manage increasingly complex health conditions and evolving population needs. It also helps to address some of the clinical placement challenges that can further worsen the existing nursing shortage. Incorporating simulation, virtual realities, and other high-tech use into nursing education is particularly urgent given the persistent nursing shortage in Michigan and across the United States. One of the most significant barriers facing nursing schools is the limited availability of clinical placement sites and qualified preceptors. These constraints restrict student capacity and, in turn, contribute to the ongoing workforce shortage (American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN], 2023). Expanding

access to high-quality, technology-enhanced simulation offers a strategic solution by supplementing traditional clinical experiences while maintaining rigorous educational standards.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

N/A

Amount

N/A

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

fiscal year 2027 - fiscal year 2028

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

Yes

Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)

The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

Yes

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

Yes

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

Yes

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

Kevin Adams - Member Jack Beeksma - Member Niala Boodhoo - Member Brian Boomsma - Member Gary Bos - Member Anthony Brookhouse - Member Moses

Chung - Member Edward Coleman - Member Bryan Dik - Member Jonathan Eigege - Member Andrew Elliot - Member Shirley Hoogstra - Member Lambert Kamp - Member Lambert Kamphuis - Member Craig Lubben - Member Gene Miyamoto - Secretary Adam Ramirez - Member Heather Ramirez - Member Kathleen Ridder - Member Perrin Rynders - Chair Nancy Schoonmaker - Member Carl Triemstra - Member John Valk - Member James Valk - Member Carolyn VanAllen - Vice-Chair Mindi VandenBosch - Member Leslie VanderGriend - Member Cathy VanDonselaar - Member Tyler Wagenmaker - Member James Zwiers - Member

Certification By Sponsoring Legislator

"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."

"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."
Senator Mark Huizenga*