

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
*Representative Don Carlson, Chair*

**BILL ANALYSIS**  
**HB 1048**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** Authorizing institutions of higher education to retain private legal counsel or employ the services of the attorney general.

**BACKGROUND:** Institutions of higher education are required to use the services of the attorney general for legal proceedings. During the 1995-97 biennium approximately thirty one full time equivalent (FTE) assistant attorney generals were assigned to represent institutions of higher education. The total budgeted for salaries and support was \$8.3 million dollars.

**SUMMARY:** Institutions of higher education may use the services of the attorney general's office or the institutions may hire private legal counsel.

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