

VETOES 6-13

For: 30.5 new FTEs for Clemson and Clemson PSA

Taxpayer Cost: \$2.14 million

Veto 6 – Clemson University, New Positions, ENG / ASSOC ENG IV (2.5 FTEs): \$279,850

Veto 7 – Clemson University, New Positions, Professor (5 FTEs): \$748,000

Veto 8 – Clemson University, New Positions, Research Associate (3 FTEs): \$187,000

Veto 9 – Clemson University, Public Service Activities, New Positions, GIS Analyst (1 FTE): \$40,000

Veto 10 – Clemson University, Public Service Activities, New Positions, Program Assistant (1 FTE): \$35,000

Veto 11 – Clemson University, Public Service Activities, New Positions, Program Manager I (1 FTE): \$50,000

Veto 12 – Clemson University, Public Service Activities, New Positions, Extension Associates (2 FTEs): \$200,000

Veto 13 – Clemson University, Public Service Activities, New Positions, Extension Agent (15 FTEs): \$600,000

Background Information:

- These line items add 10.5 new faculty members for Clemson and 20 new non-faculty members for Clemson PSA.
- Clemson has been on a great track recently – reaching the Top 20 of public universities. However, we should not enable the university to grow at a rate that will increase costs, especially when some of that cost does not go to the classroom.
- **Increasing faculty positions at one of our universities at a rate of more than \$114,000 per FTE is excessive.**
- In a budget year where **Clemson is already receiving \$6.5 million for capital expenditures** – this includes \$5 million for a Business School Building and \$1.5 million for Clemson's PSA facilities – these new line items for FTEs are excessive.

- For the 20 new non-faculty, non-teacher, non-classroom positions: The cost to taxpayers would be \$925,000. **None of these taxpayer dollars will even reach a classroom.**
- It is wrong to grow higher ed in ways that do not promote core instructional quality.
- With the amount of manufacturing we are bringing in to South Carolina, we should be prioritizing higher ed in a way that meets the needs of our modern workforce – such as technical certifications and two-year and four-year degrees.
- **These FTEs are growth that will never be cut – once we fill these positions, it will be almost impossible to pull them back.**
- Even taxpayers who are Clemson fans will not understand this excessive growth and unreasonable spending.
- This represents higher ed largesse at its worst, and these vetoes should be sustained.