**Draft Template for Initiatives to be Presented to the Board of Regents**

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**Initiative Area:** (E.g. “Access to 2- and 4- year Education”)

**Proposed Action Item:** (One sentence summarizing the proposal)

**State Need:** (Paragraph describing a need that exists in the state that could be addressed by this proposal – background info.)

**Current Problem:** (Paragraph outlining a specific current problem or void that needs to be filled)

**Proposed Solution: (**Description of the proposal. Include here a brief discussion of other similar solutions that have been tried in MT or other states.)

**State Investment:** (Description of costs, staff required to implement)

**Return on Investment:** (In this section describe the return/benefit to the state of the investment. Include in this section a discussion of why there is a compelling reason to implement this proposal. Discussion could include:

* Monetary benefits of the proposal
* How this proposal is visionary
* How this proposal helps address fundamental economic changes
* How this proposal leverages Montana’s inherent strengths
* How this proposal leverages and supports other Montana initiatives or activities