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reserve requirement and is within the revenue projections of the state forecasting board. Further, as I announced recently, I will submit legislation for your approval to return to our taxpayers approximately \$18 million that resulted from changes in our tax laws in 1987. This money was not intended for use by state government and should be removed from any spending consideration. In the last session of the Legislature we made truly remarkable progress toward improvement of our state's educational system, and today I am asking that we proceed with that task. For the University of Nebraska I am recommending new appropriations of \$22.5 million for the first year and an additional 19.8 million for the second year of the biennium. This represents an 11.4 percent increase the first year and an additional 9 percent in the second. Included in my proposal is funding for salary increases of 7.5 percent for each year. Four million and eight million dollars respectively have been added in each year for research initiatives. A million and a half dollars is included for library automation. Automating and upgrading the UNL library is particularly critical for attracting and retaining quality faculty and graduate students. These proposals are essential for long term efforts to sustain economic progress and improve quality of life in Nebraska. The recommendations of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Review team are included to further develop quality programs at the Curtis campus. Amounts required to help solve staffing problems critical to the continued accreditation at the UNL College of Business Administration are included in my proposal, along with funds to upgrade the UNL student financial aid office. For the State Colleges, I am recommending \$4.5 million the first year and an additional \$3 million in the second year of the biennium. This represents a 14.5 percent increase the first year and an additional 8.2 percent increase in the second. It also includes salary improvements of 7.5 percent each year. Funds are included to increase library materials, instructional equipment, and other projects at Chadron, Kearney, Wayne, and Peru State Colleges. I recommend that economic development or business recruitment centers receive funding at the state colleges. The State Colleges serve a vital role in providing expertise for business development in their respective areas, and these additional dollars will bring significant returns for the state's economy. It is recommended that the Technical Community Colleges receive increased General Fund support of \$4.1 million in the first year and \$5.1 million in the second year of the biennium. This represents an increase of 17.9 percent in the first year and an additional 18.9 percent in