



## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

January 25, 2011

Representative Clay Aurand, Chairman  
House Education Committee  
Statehouse, Room 174-W  
Topeka, KS 66612

Representative Jim Ward, Ranking Member  
House Education Committee  
Statehouse, Room 451-S  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Aurand and Ranking Member Ward:

On behalf of the Kansas Board of Regents, I write to you in support of HB 2020, legislation that would amend current statutes to make the state universities' use of the Housing Suspense Fund optional rather than mandatory.

Statutes currently require the six state universities to send rent and boarding fees to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Housing Suspense Fund before those dollars can be transferred to the Housing Operations Fund. HB 2020 would allow rent and boarding fees to be directly deposited into the Housing Operations Fund rather than the money flowing through the Housing Suspense Fund to the Housing Operations Fund. Three of the state universities (FHSU, KU, and WSU) would prefer the proposed "optional" method, while the other three (ESU, KSU, and PSU) have indicated they prefer the status quo. HB 2020 would satisfy the needs of all six state universities by providing the option and would result in increased operational efficiencies.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2020.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andy Tompkins  
President & CEO

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