



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Senator Jean Schodorf, Chairwoman
Senate Education Committee
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, KS 66612

Senator Anthony Hensley, Ranking Member
Senate Education Committee
Statehouse, Room 345-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairwoman Schodorf and Ranking Member Hensley:

On behalf of the Kansas Board of Regents, I write to you in support of House Bill 2020, legislation that would amend current statutes to make the state universities' use of the Housing Suspense Fund optional rather than mandatory. This legislation was unanimously approved by the House on February 7.

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. House Bill 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. House Bill 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 House Bill 2020.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andy Tompkins
President & CEO

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