

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 39,957,026	\$ 61,915,410	\$ 101,872,436	751.4	
FY 2024 Actual	52,963,997	56,443,771	109,407,768	736.6	
FY 2025 Actual	64,298,123	70,882,036	135,180,159	736.4	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 52,376,088	\$ 77,712,188	\$ 130,088,276	736.4	
Agency Revised Estimate	56,928,005	68,283,168	125,211,173	700.2	
Special Committee on the State Budget	55,195,392	68,283,168	123,478,560	700.2	
House Committee of the Whole	55,195,392	68,283,168	123,478,560	700.2	
Senate Committee of the Whole	55,195,392	68,283,168	123,478,560	700.2	
Legislative Approved	55,181,742	68,283,168	123,464,910	700.2	
Governor's Recommendation	56,928,005	68,283,168	125,211,173	700.2	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ 46,113,448	\$ 72,061,901	\$ 118,175,349	736.4	
Agency Request	50,348,164	73,793,003	124,141,167	700.2	
Special Committee on the State Budget	50,348,164	73,793,003	124,141,167	700.2	
House Committee of the Whole	46,548,164	73,793,003	120,341,167	700.2	
Senate Committee of the Whole	50,348,164	73,793,003	124,141,167	700.2	
Legislative Approved	46,916,438	73,966,386	120,882,824	700.2	
Governor's Recommendation	50,348,164	73,793,003	124,141,167	700.2	

**** Note :** The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. The approved budget includes an additional \$2.2 million SGF for costs associated with legal expenses, and for salaries and benefits due to program reductions and language that the funding is used solely for the purposes related to incurred costs for legal expenses and for salaries and benefits due to program reductions for FY 2026 only.

Emporia State University (ESU) was originally established in 1863 as the Kansas State Normal School to provide teachers for the State of Kansas. In 1970, ESU became a Regents institution under the direction of the Kansas Board of Regents. The institution received its present name in 1977. ESU instructional programs include both baccalaureate and advanced-degree work, as well as specialized continuing education for professional practitioners. ESU offers arts and sciences disciplines, teacher education programs, business programs, and library and information management. In fall 1993, ESU enrolled its first class of nine students pursuing a Ph.D. in library and information management. The William Allen White Library is a major source of academic support for the university. ESU fosters research and other forms of creative and scholarly activity, and makes the expertise of its faculty available for public service to provide information, advice, and other services to the public.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 52,376,088	\$ 77,712,188	\$ 130,088,276	736.4	
Agency Revised Estimate	56,928,005	68,283,168	125,211,173	700.2	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (1,732,613)	\$ -	\$ (1,732,613)	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 55,195,392	\$ 68,283,168	\$ 123,478,560	700.2	
House Committees					
Higher Education Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 55,195,392	\$ 68,283,168	\$ 123,478,560	700.2	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 55,195,392	\$ 68,283,168	\$ 123,478,560	700.2	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	(13,650)	-	(13,650)	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ (13,650)	\$ -	\$ (13,650)	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 55,181,742	\$ 68,283,168	\$ 123,464,910	700.2	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$125.2 million, including \$56.9 million SGF, and 700.2 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$4.5 million SGF and a decrease of \$9.5 million from all other funds compared to the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The decrease is primarily due to an athletic capital improvement project being delayed until FY 2027 and reduced estimates for federal financial aid. The decrease is partially offset by an increase of \$4.6 million in transfers from the Kansas Board of Regents, including \$3.8 million SGF for regional stabilization.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

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1. Delete \$1.7 million SGF to lapse reappropriated funds for operations projects, including the CyberSecurity Research and Outreach Center, SMaRT Kansas 21, and the Future Teacher Academy.

House Committees

House Committee on Higher Education Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means – Higher Education Subcommittee

The **Senate Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee on State Budget's recommendation in FY 2026.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Delete \$13,650 to eliminate funding for positions which have been vacant for at least 60 calendar days in FY 2026.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ 46,113,448	\$ 72,061,901	\$ 118,175,349	736.4	
Agency Request	50,348,164	73,793,003	124,141,167	700.2	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 50,348,164	\$ 73,793,003	\$ 124,141,167	700.2	
House Committees					
Higher Education Budget	\$ (3,800,000)	\$ -	\$ (3,800,000)	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ (3,800,000)</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ (3,800,000)</i>	<i>-</i>	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 46,548,164	\$ 73,793,003	\$ 120,341,167	700.2	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>-</i>	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 50,348,164	\$ 73,793,003	\$ 124,141,167	700.2	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ (3,800,000)	\$ -	\$ (3,800,000)	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	368,274	173,383	541,657	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ (3,431,726)</i>	<i>\$ 173,383</i>	<i>\$ (3,258,343)</i>	<i>-</i>	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 46,916,438	\$ 73,966,386	\$ 120,882,824	700.2	

** Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. The approved budget includes an additional \$2.2 million SGF for costs associated with legal expenses, and for salaries and benefits due to program reductions and language that the funding is used solely for the purposes related to incurred costs for legal expenses and for salaries and benefits due to program reductions for FY 2026 only.

Agency

The **agency** requests \$124.1 million, including \$50.4 million SGF, and 700.2 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$6.0 million, including \$4.2 million SGF, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The overall increase is primarily due to the Welch Stadium East Side renovation project which was delayed from FY 2026 to FY 2027. The SGF increase is primarily due to the regional stabilization funding (\$3.8 million) being added into the agency's ongoing budget instead of a transfer from the Kansas Board of Regents.

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Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on Higher Education Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$5.0 million SGF for operations and delete \$6.8 million SGF from regional stabilization and add language to report on the efficiencies gained following a program review analysis aimed at reducing or removing programs that no longer meet the needs of students for future job growth. This is a net decrease of \$1.8 million SGF below the FY 2026 approved budget.
2. Delete \$2.0 million SGF pending certification to the State Finance Council that the state universities have established curricula and designated courses at the postsecondary educational institutions in a manner that does not require or constrain students to enroll in a diversity, equity and inclusion or critical race theory (DEI-CRT) related course in order to satisfy the requirements of any academic program.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Ways and Means – Higher Education Subcommittee

The **Senate Subcommittee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee on State Budget's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$5.0 million SGF for operations and delete \$6.8 million SGF from regional stabilization and add language to report on the efficiencies gained following a program review analysis aimed at reducing or removing programs that no longer meet the needs of students for future job growth. This is a net decrease of \$1.8 million SGF below the FY 2026 approved budget.
2. Delete \$2.0 million SGF pending certification to the State Finance Council that the state universities have established curricula and designated courses at the postsecondary

educational institutions in a manner that does not require or constrain students to enroll in a diversity, equity and inclusion or critical race theory (DEI-CRT) related course in order to satisfy the requirements of any academic program.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustments which were certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add \$541,657, including \$368,274 SGF, to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.