

FORT HAYS 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	\$	42,884,175	\$ 116,734,459	\$ 159,618,634	1,000.5
FY 2024 Actual		56,106,591	120,877,600	176,984,191	993.0
FY 2025 Actual		53,598,249	145,874,192	199,472,441	998.0
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$	67,387,544	\$ 129,291,063	\$ 196,678,607	993.0
Agency Revised Estimate		72,804,513	134,732,527	207,537,040	1,011.0
Special Committee on the State Budget		72,465,218	134,732,527	207,197,745	993.0
House Committee of the Whole		72,465,218	134,732,527	207,197,745	993.0
Senate Committee of the Whole		72,804,513	134,732,527	207,537,040	993.0
Legislative Approved		72,726,657	134,732,527	207,459,184	993.0
Governor's Recommendation		72,804,513	134,732,527	207,537,040	1,011.0
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$	51,787,865	\$ 118,530,228	\$ 170,318,093	993.0
Agency Request		56,567,695	116,503,802	173,071,497	1,003.0
Special Committee on the State Budget		56,567,695	116,503,802	173,071,497	993.0
House Committee of the Whole		52,167,695	116,503,802	168,671,497	993.0
Senate Committee of the Whole		56,567,695	116,503,802	173,071,497	993.0
Legislative Approved		53,181,183	116,868,086	170,049,269	993.0
Governor's Recommendation		56,567,695	116,503,802	173,071,497	1,003.0

** 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. For Fort Hays State University, this includes: decrease of \$8.5 million for one-time capital improvements expenditures that were budgeted in FY 2026 but do not re-occur for FY 2027.

Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is located on land that was once the Fort Hays Military Reservation. In March of 1900, the U.S. Congress passed legislation granting the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation to the State of Kansas for the purpose of establishing an experiment station of the Kansas State Agricultural College, a western branch of the State Normal School, and a public park. The land grant was accepted by the 1901 Kansas Legislature. Over the years, the school has been termed the Fort Hays Kansas Normal School (1914); Kansas State Teachers College of Hays (1922); Fort Hays Kansas State College (1931); and Fort Hays State University (1977). The activities of FHSU are those generally found in liberal and applied arts universities. Liberal arts degrees are offered in most basic disciplines on the bachelor's and master's levels. Applied arts degrees are offered in agriculture, business, elementary education, home economics, industrial arts, physical education, and nursing. Teacher training is offered in all disciplines where applicable, and professional curriculum are also available.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026				
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 67,387,544	\$ 129,291,063	\$ 196,678,607	993.0
Agency Revised Estimate	72,804,513	134,732,527	207,537,040	1,011.0
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)				
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (339,295)	\$ -	\$ (339,295)	(18.0)
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 72,465,218	\$ 134,732,527	\$ 207,197,745	993.0
House Committees				
Higher Education Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Appropriations	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 72,465,218	\$ 134,732,527	\$ 207,197,745	993.0
Senate Committees				
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ 339,295	\$ -	\$ 339,295	-
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ 339,295	\$ -	\$ 339,295	-
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 72,804,513	\$ 134,732,527	\$ 207,537,040	993.0
Legislative Approved				
Conference Committee	\$ 339,295	\$ -	\$ 339,295	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-
Certifications	(77,856)	-	(77,856)	-
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ 261,439	\$ -	\$ 261,439	-
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 72,726,657	\$ 134,732,527	\$ 207,459,184	993.0

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$207.5 million, including \$72.8 million SGF, and 1,011.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$10.9 million, including \$5.4 million SGF, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The increase is primarily due to transfers from the Kansas Board of Regents, including the regional stabilization funding (\$4.4 million), Educational Building Fund (\$4.4 million), and Kansas Campus Restoration Act (\$2.1 million).

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 \$339,295 SGF to lapse reappropriated funding for operations projects, including the Professional Workforce Development's professional and continuing education program.
2. Delete 18.0 FTE positions to reflect current active and funded positions.

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 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$339,295 SGF to restore reappropriated funding for operations projects, including the Professional Workforce Development's professional and continuing education program.

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 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$339,295 SGF to restore reappropriated funding for operations projects, including the Professional Workforce Development's professional and continuing education program.

Legislative Approved

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

1. Delete \$77,856 SGF to eliminate funding for positions which have been vacant for at least 60 calendar days in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ 51,787,865	\$ 118,530,228	\$ 170,318,093	993.0	
Agency Request	56,567,695	116,503,802	173,071,497	1,003.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(10.0)	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 56,567,695	\$ 116,503,802	\$ 173,071,497	993.0	
House Committees					
Higher Education Budget	\$ (4,400,000)	\$ -	\$ (4,400,000)	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ (4,400,000)	\$ -	\$ (4,400,000)	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 52,167,695	\$ 116,503,802	\$ 168,671,497	993.0	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 56,567,695	\$ 116,503,802	\$ 173,071,497	993.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ (3,800,000)	\$ -	\$ (3,800,000)	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	413,488	364,284	777,772	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ (3,386,512)	\$ 364,284	\$ (3,022,228)	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 53,181,183	\$ 116,868,086	\$ 170,049,269	993.0	

** 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. For Fort Hays State University, this includes: decrease of \$8.5 million for one-time capital improvements expenditures that were budgeted in FY 2026 but do not re-occur for FY 2027.

Agency

The **agency** requests \$173.1 million, including \$56.6 million SGF, and 1,003.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$2.8 million, including \$4.8 million SGF, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The overall increase is primarily due to the regional stabilization funding (\$4.4 million) becoming part of the agency's ongoing budget instead of a transfer from the Kansas Board of Regents. The overall increase is partially offset by the agency reducing its salaries and wages budget to better align with FY 2025 actual expenditures.

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Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027 with the following adjustment:

1. Delete 10.0 FTE positions to reflect current active and funded positions 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 \$7.4 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 \$2.4 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 \$5.6 million SGF for operations and delete \$3.0 million SGF from regional stabilization to operations 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 for FY 2027. This is a net decrease of \$1.8 million SGF below the FY 2026 approved budget.

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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 \$777,772, including \$413,488 SGF, to implement the pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature for FY 2027.