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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	\$ 129,994,024	\$ 477,551,751	\$ 607,545,775	3,580.0	
FY 2024 Actual	151,155,436	520,072,652	671,228,088	3,651.5	
FY 2025 Actual	188,821,911	587,448,351	776,270,262	3,717.3	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 165,398,965	\$ 614,576,658	\$ 779,975,623	3,651.5	
Agency Revised Estimate	167,074,172	704,795,008	871,869,180	3,721.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	167,068,532	704,795,008	871,863,540	3,651.5	
House Committee of the Whole	167,074,172	704,795,008	871,869,180	3,651.5	
Senate Committee of the Whole	167,074,172	704,795,008	871,869,180	3,651.5	
Legislative Approved	167,023,326	704,795,008	871,818,334	3,651.5	
Governor's Recommendation	167,074,172	704,795,008	871,869,180	3,721.0	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ 151,899,979	\$ 530,958,650	\$ 682,858,629	3,651.5	
Agency Request	152,764,772	579,762,847	732,527,619	3,721.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	152,764,772	579,762,847	732,527,619	3,651.5	
House Committee of the Whole	152,762,956	584,762,847	737,525,803	3,651.5	
Senate Committee of the Whole	152,764,772	579,762,847	732,527,619	3,651.5	
Legislative Approved	153,813,034	587,318,625	741,131,659	3,651.5	
Governor's Recommendation	152,764,772	579,762,847	732,527,619	3,721.0	

**** 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 Kansas State University, these adjustments include \$66.4 million in capital improvement expenditures that do not re-occur in FY 2027.

Kansas State University (KSU) was established in 1863, becoming the first land grant institution under the provisions of the Morrill Act of 1862. KSU is a comprehensive research institution that offers instruction in Agriculture, Architecture Planning and Design, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Human Ecology, Technology, and Veterinary Medicine, and offers a full complement of graduate studies. KSU's Veterinary Medical School in Manhattan and its Agricultural Research program are treated as separate agencies for budget preparation purposes. KSU is fully accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association and by various professional accrediting agencies.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 165,398,965	\$ 614,576,658	\$ 779,975,623	3,651.5	
Agency Revised Estimate	167,074,172	704,795,008	871,869,180	3,721.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ (5,640)	\$ -	\$ (5,640)	(69.5)	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 167,068,532	\$ 704,795,008	\$ 871,863,540	3,651.5	
House Committees					
Higher Education Budget	\$ 5,640	\$ -	\$ 5,640	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ 5,640	\$ -	\$ 5,640	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 167,074,172	\$ 704,795,008	\$ 871,869,180	3,651.5	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ 5,640	\$ -	\$ 5,640	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ 5,640	\$ -	\$ 5,640	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 167,074,172	\$ 704,795,008	\$ 871,869,180	3,651.5	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ 5,640	\$ -	\$ 5,640	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	(50,846)	-	(50,846)	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ (45,206)	\$ -	\$ (45,206)	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 167,023,326	\$ 704,795,008	\$ 871,818,334	3,651.5	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$871.9 million, including \$167.1 million SGF, in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$91.9 million, including \$1.7 million SGF, above the amount approved for FY 2026 by the 2025 Legislature with reappropriations. The increase is primarily due to transfers from the Kansas Board of Regents for the Educational Building Fund (\$17.5 million) and Kansas Campus Restoration Act (\$7.4 million), increased salaries and wages expenditures from university funding sources to supplement the 2025 Pay Plan, and increased estimates for federal financial aid.

Special Committee on the State Budget

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

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1. Delete \$5,640 SGF for the water institute reappropriation due to a year-end payroll processing lag.
2. Delete 69.5 FTE positions.

House Committees

House Committee on Higher Education Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$5,640 SGF for the water institute reappropriation due to a year-end payroll processing lag.

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 \$5,640 SGF for the water institute reappropriation due to a year-end payroll processing lag in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate 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 \$5,640 SGF for the water institute reappropriation due to a year-end payroll processing lag in FY 2026.

Legislative Approved

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

1. Delete \$50,846 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**	\$ 151,899,979	\$ 530,958,650	\$ 682,858,629	3,651.5
Agency Request	152,764,772	579,762,847	732,527,619	3,721.0
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)				
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(69.5)
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 152,764,772	\$ 579,762,847	\$ 732,527,619	3,651.5
House Committees				
Higher Education Budget	\$ (1,816)	\$ -	\$ (1,816)	-
Appropriations	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ (1,816)</i>	<i>\$ 5,000,000</i>	<i>\$ 4,998,184</i>	<i>-</i>
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 152,762,956	\$ 584,762,847	\$ 737,525,803	3,651.5
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	\$ 152,764,772	\$ 579,762,847	\$ 732,527,619	3,651.5
Legislative Approved				
Conference Committee	\$ (1,816)	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,998,184	-
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-
Certifications	1,050,078	2,555,778	3,605,856	-
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ 1,048,262</i>	<i>\$ 7,555,778</i>	<i>\$ 8,604,040</i>	<i>-</i>
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 153,813,034	\$ 587,318,625	\$ 741,131,659	3,651.5

** 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 Kansas State University, these adjustments include \$66.4 million in capital improvement expenditures that do not re-occur in FY 2027.

Agency

The **agency** requests \$732.5 million, including \$152.8 million SGF, for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$49.7 million, including \$864,793 SGF, above the FY 2026 amount approved with adjustments. The increase is primarily due to the agency budgeting increased salaries and wages expenditures to continue the 2025 Pay Plan using university resources and for estimated increased federal financial aid awards.

Special Committee on the State Budget

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

1. Delete 69.5 FTE positions.

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 adjustments:

1. Add \$5.0 million SGF for the Nuclear Research Accelerator at Kansas State University to develop facilities for lab-based courses and nuclear energy research and add language on the private nuclear industry partnerships demonstrating investment goals and potential outcomes.
2. Delete \$3.0 million SGF for a 2.5 percent reduction in the agency's operations account.
3. 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.
4. Explore options for developing the K-State Dairy Innovation and Education Center, including considering authorizing the university to issue bonds for the project.

House Committee on Appropriations

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

1. Add \$5.0 million ARPA for planning and construction of a new dairy facility and add language requiring a match dollar for dollar match from university funds and the dairy industry for FY 2027.

The **House Committee** also made the following recommendations for FY 2028 and FY 2029:

1. Add \$5.0 million SGF for planning and construction of a new dairy facility and add language requiring a match dollar for dollar match from university funds and the dairy industry for FY 2028 and FY 2029.

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 Senate Subcommittee's recommendation for FY 2027.

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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 ARPA for planning and construction of a new dairy facility and add language requiring a match dollar for dollar match from university funds and the dairy industry for FY 2027.
2. Add \$5.0 million SGF for the Nuclear Research Accelerator at Kansas State University to develop facilities for lab-based courses and nuclear energy research and add language on the private nuclear industry partnerships demonstrating investment goals and potential outcomes for FY 2027.
3. Delete \$3.0 million SGF for a 2.5 percent reduction in the agency's operations account for FY 2027.
4. 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 \$3.6 million, including \$1.1 million SGF, to implement the pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature for FY 2027.