

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SYSTEMS AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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	\$ 53,971,935	\$ 108,989,421	\$ 162,961,356	1,109.1	
FY 2024 Actual	60,420,430	119,021,586	179,442,016	1,156.4	
FY 2025 Actual	61,213,174	125,334,332	186,547,506	1,147.8	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 120,731,783	\$ 179,512,114	1,148.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
House Committee of the Whole	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
Legislative Approved	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
Governor's Recommendation	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 120,731,783	\$ 179,512,114	1,148.0	
Agency Request	59,172,993	126,861,774	186,034,767	1,148.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	59,172,993	126,861,774	186,034,767	1,148.0	
House Committee of the Whole	37,672,993	126,861,774	164,534,767	1,148.0	
Senate Committee of the Whole	59,172,993	126,861,774	186,034,767	1,148.0	
Legislative Approved	59,680,231	127,521,824	187,202,055	1,148.0	
Governor's Recommendation	59,172,993	126,861,774	186,034,767	1,148.0	

The Kansas State University Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Program (ESARP) was established as a separate budget unit in FY 1993 by the merger of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Cooperative Extension Service, the International Grain, and the Meat and Livestock programs. All programs previously part of the Kansas State University (KSU or K-State) budget but under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Agriculture (except for the Office of Academic programs and Office of the Dean) are included in the separate agency administered by the Dean of Agriculture.

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Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 120,731,783	\$ 179,512,114	1,148.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	58,780,331	125,010,227	183,790,558	1,148.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 125,010,227	\$ 183,790,558	1,148.0	
House Committees					
Higher Education Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 125,010,227	\$ 183,790,558	1,148.0	
Senate Committees					
Ways and Means [Higher Education]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 125,010,227	\$ 183,790,558	1,148.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 125,010,227	\$ 183,790,558	1,148.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$183.8 million, including \$58.8 million SGF, and 1,148.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$4.3 million, all from non-SGF funding sources, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The increase is primarily due to the agency using its non-SGF funds to supplement the pay plan appropriation from the 2025 Legislature and for two capital improvement projects: Ag Innovation (\$2.0 million) and the Rural Fire and Workforce Development Center (\$1.2 million).

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026.

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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 Committee on Appropriations' 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 Senate Subcommittee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee on Ways and Means' recommendation in FY 2026.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee on State Budget's recommendation 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, without Reappropriations	\$ 58,780,331	\$ 120,731,783	\$ 179,512,114	1,148.0	
Agency Request	59,172,993	126,861,774	186,034,767	1,148.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 59,172,993	\$ 126,861,774	\$ 186,034,767	1,148.0	
House Committees					
Higher Education Budget	\$ (21,500,000)	\$ -	\$ (21,500,000)	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ (21,500,000)</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ (21,500,000)</i>	<i>-</i>	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 37,672,993	\$ 126,861,774	\$ 164,534,767	1,148.0	
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	\$ 59,172,993	\$ 126,861,774	\$ 186,034,767	1,148.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ (21,500,000)	\$ -	\$ (21,500,000)	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	22,007,238	660,050	22,667,288	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	<i>\$ 507,238</i>	<i>\$ 660,050</i>	<i>\$ 1,167,288</i>	<i>-</i>	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 59,680,231	\$ 127,521,824	\$ 187,202,055	1,148.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests \$186.0 million, including \$59.2 million SGF, and 1,148.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This is an increase of \$6.5 million, including \$392,662 SGF, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature. The increase continues implementing the 2025 Pay Plan, the Ag Innovation project (\$2.2 million), the Rural Fire and Workforce Development Center (\$3.5 million), and fringe benefits increases (\$392,662 SGF).

Special Committee on the State Budget

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

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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. Delete \$21.5 million SGF from Cooperative Extension Services and move the funding to the State Finance Council pending certification of the agency's plan to reorganize to meet the needs of the agricultural industry and add language providing that the remaining funding in the account be used for 4-H for FY 2027.

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 Committee on Appropriations' 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.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Committee on Ways and Means' recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

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

1. Delete \$21.5 million SGF from Cooperative Extension Services and move the funding to the State Finance Council pending certification of their plan to reorganize to meet the needs of the agricultural industry and add language providing that the remaining funding in the account be used for 4-H for FY 2027.

Legislative Approved

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

1. Add \$1.2 million, including \$507,238 SGF, to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.

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2. Add \$21.5 million SGF from Cooperative Extension Services from the State Finance Council following the certification of their plan to reorganize to meet the needs of the agricultural industry for FY 2027.