



## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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### **Regents Chairman Praises Higher Education Results in Legislature**

(Topeka, Kansas) - Fred Logan, Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents, today praised the legislature's support of higher education, saying: "This was a fabulous year for Kansas higher education. The legislature approved nearly all of Governor Brownback's recommendations. We could not be more pleased."

"I want to particularly thank Governor Brownback for making important budget recommendations to restore state university salary cuts, fund Career Technical Education for high school students across the state, and offer enhancements to each of the state's universities. In addition, the Regents appreciate the governor's efforts that contributed to the inclusion of \$25 million bonding authority for the KUMC Health Education Building. That was the Regents' top priority," Logan said.

"The Regents would also like to thank Senate President Susan Wagle and House Speaker Ray Merrick for their support in the final weeks leading up to passage of the higher education package. And we are particularly grateful for the bipartisan support higher education received throughout this legislative session."

Higher education appropriations are contained in legislation known as HB2506 which passed both chambers of the Kansas Legislature and has now been sent to the Governor. The bill includes key higher education provisions such as funds for the debt service on a portion of the funding needed to build a new medical education building at the KU Medical Center, additional funding for the Governor's career and technical education initiative, restoration of portions of the university salary cap provisions that were passed last session, restoration of proposed cuts to community and technical colleges in FY2015 and cuts to Washburn University in FY2014 and FY2015, approval of most of the enhancement proposals for university improvements recommended by the Governor, and additional support for GED programs.

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