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## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2007**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Higher Education

### **Brief\***

HB 2007 would amend existing law to permit the State Board of Regents to authorize the awarding of fellowships, scholarships and tuition and fee waivers to both undergraduate and graduate students. The bill also would remove obsolete language from the existing statute.

### **Background**

KSA 76-719c currently provides that only graduate students may receive fellowships or scholarships. The bill was introduced by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee at the request of the Board of Regents.

Proponents of the bill at the House Higher Education Committee hearing included representatives from the University of Kansas including Richard Lariviere, Provost; Danny Anderson, Vice Provost; Marlesa Roney, Vice Provost for Student Success; Kevin Corbet, Director, KU Alumni Association; and written testimony from Luke Bobo, President, Black Alumni Chapter of the KU Alumni Association. Mr. Lariviere stated that the bill would provide a tool for advancing the State's educational mission, promoting workforce development, managing enrollment, and encouraging diversity on state university campuses. Ms. Roney stated that the key feature of the tuition model is that it will attract students who already have family ties to the universities and to the state of Kansas.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Testimony in support of the bill also was provided at the House Committee hearing by Lydia Peele, Kansas State University Student Body President, who stated that the bill would provide flexibility by allowing The University to adjust tuition for selected, talented non-resident students seeking to attend K-State. Written testimony supporting the bill was provided by Reginald Robinson, President & CEO, Board of Regents and Diane Duffy, Vice-President, Finance and Administration of the Board of Regents.

No opponents to the bill presented testimony to the House Committee.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the introduced version of the bill indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Board of Regents or state universities. As stated in the fiscal note, to the extent additional financial aid is awarded, the cost would be absorbed by the universities.