

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5011

By Education Budget Committee

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting the Kansas board of
2 regents' strategic plan for postsecondary education excellence, known
3 as Foresight 2020.

4 WHEREAS, The goals of the Kansas board of regents' strategic plan
5 for postsecondary education known as Foresight 2020 are to increase
6 postsecondary education attainment among Kansans, improve alignment
7 of the state's postsecondary education system with the needs of the
8 Kansas economy and ensure state university excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, The state, its businesses and industries, and individual
10 Kansans will be best served if the board of regents is supported in its
11 efforts to achieve these goals; and

12 WHEREAS, Achieving a postsecondary education credential can be a
13 contributing factor to the success of citizens in getting and retaining high-
14 quality jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, Retaining individuals who have postsecondary
16 credentials in Kansas is encouraged for meeting workforce demands and
17 ensuring a competitive Kansas workforce; and

18 WHEREAS, Attaining an increased level of postsecondary education
19 is encouraged for economic prosperity for the state and the individual;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Increasing educational attainment among the adult
22 population is one of the most important objectives for any state: Now,
23 therefore,

24 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate of the State*
25 *of Kansas, concurring therein:* That the legislature supports the Kansas
26 board of regents' strategic plan for achieving postsecondary education
27 attainment, as set forth in Foresight 2020, and specifically the objective
28 of increasing to 60% or more by the year 2020 the number of Kansas
29 adults who have a certificate, associate's degree or a bachelor's degree;
30 and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature encourages the board of
32 regents, in consultation with the local boards of education, secretary of
33 commerce, secretary of labor, commissioner of education, postsecondary
34 educational institutions, the Washburn institute of technology, private
35 business and industry, and other interested entities, to develop and
36 execute a plan to increase the overall postsecondary educational

1 attainment among Kansans needed to fuel economic growth in Kansas;
2 and

3 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature, in consultation with the
4 Kansas board of regents, encourages the development of a performance-
5 based funding formula that will help achieve the desired goals; and

6 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
7 enrolled copy of this resolution to the chair of the Kansas board of
8 regents, secretary of commerce, secretary of labor and commissioner of
9 education.