

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2101 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2101 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the goal of the University Engineering Initiative Act (UEIA) is for the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University, collectively, to increase the number of engineering graduates to 1,365 graduates per year in 2021. The UEIA is financed with annual transfers of \$3.5 million from the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund (ELARF) to the Kan-Grow Engineering Fund at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University. Each university is required to match the funding transferred on a \$1 for \$1 basis from non-state sources. Annual ELARF transfers total \$10.5 million for a ten-year state commitment of \$105.0 million which is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2021. HB 2101 would extend the ELARF transfers another ten years to sunset on July 1, 2031. The bill would also amend the goal of the UEIA to require the universities to continue to generate 1,365 engineering graduates each year to meet the ongoing needs of the engineering workforce for as long as the Act is financed with annual ELARF transfers.

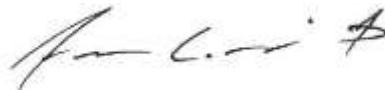
Kansas State University (KSU) indicates HB 2101 would allow the College of Engineering to continue focusing on engineering education efforts through instruction, student support and facility commitment. KSU indicates it would hire additional Graduate Teaching Assistants to ensure instruction needs are met; prioritize student assistance by contributing to internships and scholarships for those working to support Kansas industry; and continue paying down debt that was incurred to construct the additional facility space that provided new classrooms, laboratories and student design team areas. Wichita State University indicates the funding would continue to be allocated to support the College of Engineering and pay debt service for the John Bardo Center. The University of Kansas indicates the funding would be used to continue paying debt service on

instructional facilities that needed to be expanded to increase the number of engineering graduates. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2101 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report* as current law authorizes the transfers in both FY 2021 and FY 2022. HB 2201 would extend the transfers from FY 2023 through FY 2032. The number of engineering graduates produced by the universities are listed by academic year (AY) in the table below.

			Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates	Engineering Graduates
University	Baseline Graduates	Targeted Goal (2021)	AY 2011- 2012	AY 2012- 2013	AY 2013- 2014	AY 2014- 2015	AY 2015- 2016	AY 2016- 2017	AY 2017- 2018	AY 2018- 2019
Total	875	1,365	1,029	1,017	1,134	1,165	1,285	1,348	1,565	1,496

Source: KHEDS Academic Year Collection

Sincerely,



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