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## REPORT ON VETERINARY EDUCATION

1. National trends
  - a. 28 U.S veterinary colleges; 4 private, 24 public
  - b. The national applicant pool is decreasing. Over the last 20 years the applicant/available position has decreased from 3.29/1 to 2.1/1
  - c. Over the last 40 years the gender of veterinary students and applicants has shifted from 90% men/10% women to nearly 80% women/20% men. The majority of graduate veterinarians are women
  - d. Educational debt averages \$133,873 per student with 15% of new graduates having educational debt of >\$200,000
  - e. Average starting salary is \$67,359
  - f. Veterinary employment shortages are occurring in the federal government, state government, academe, industry and in rural practice
2. Kansas State University
  - a. The applicant pool is increasing. We attract 3.3 Kansas applicants for each available position and 17.5 non-resident applicants for each available position
  - b. The gender of the classes is 65-75% women and 25-35% men
  - c. Educational debt averages over \$150,000
  - d. Premier veterinary college in beef cattle veterinary medicine
  - e. Leader in preparing veterinarians for entry level practice, particularly rural practice
  - f. Becoming the center of infectious and zoonotic disease expertise, complemented by ABADRU, NBAF and the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor
  - g. Ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the number of faculty (106); average is 168
  - h. Ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in class size (458); average is 391
  - i. Ranks 25<sup>th</sup> in state funding (\$10M); average is >\$25M
  - j. Resident tuition ranks 14<sup>th</sup> (~ \$20,000 per year)
  - k. Non-resident tuition ranks 12<sup>th</sup> (~ \$40,000 per year)
  - l. FY 2010 funding was 16.7% state, 22.4% tuition, 2.64% endowments, 1.36% annual giving, 38.08% research, 9.46% teaching hospital revenue, 8.66% diagnostic lab revenue and 0.77% other sales and services; total revenue was \$61,322,196.
  - m. Expanded class size is limited by inadequate faculty numbers, laboratory and classroom space, faculty office and lab space, and course budgets

BECAUSE OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH CORRIDOR, NBAF, ABADRU, AND KANSAS BEING FOCUSED ON AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HEALTH, K-STATE HAS A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER VETERINARY COLLEGES... WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR RURAL KANSAS, ANIMAL HEALTH COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENT RESEARCH IS POSSIBLE IF FACULTY/FACILITY GROWTH OCCURS.

Appropriations Committee

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