

74-99b02. Findings and declarations; exercise of powers permitted by act deemed essential governmental function. (a) The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby finds and declares that:

(1) Biosciences develop uses of biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics, biotechnology, bioengineering and life sciences to promote and enhance health care, veterinary medicine, agriculture, forestry, energy, pharmacy, environment and other industries in the state of Kansas;

(2) high-paying jobs and innovative commercial products ensue from the biosciences, which requires an educated workforce with advanced technical skills;

(3) the universities, colleges, nonprofit institutions and private enterprises in the state of Kansas will be able to further educate and train scientists, health care professionals and technicians to provide a supportive environment for bioscience research, development, testing and product commercialization activities through increased targeted investments;

(4) manufacturing, licensing and commercialization of products derived from the biosciences will benefit the state's economy and will facilitate the development of the bioscience industry and associated educational institutions in the state of Kansas;

(5) the mission of the Kansas bioscience authority is to make Kansas the most desirable state in which to conduct, facilitate, support, fund and perform bioscience research, development and commercialization, to make Kansas a national leader in bioscience, to create new jobs, foster economic growth, advance scientific knowledge and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the state of Kansas;

(6) the needs of the citizens of the state of Kansas and the public and private entities engaged in the biosciences will be best served by an independent public authority charged with the mission of facilitating, supporting, funding and performing bioscience projects for the benefit of its citizens to promote the state's research, development and commercialization objectives.

(b) The exercise of the powers permitted by this act are deemed to be an essential governmental function in matters of public necessity in the provision of bioscience, education, research, development and commercialization.

History: L. 2004, ch. 112, § 2; July 1.