

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2600

As Amended by House Committee on Higher
Education Budget

Brief*

HB 2600, as amended, would authorize the State Board of Regents to sell or exchange property on behalf of Emporia State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and the University of Kansas. The bill would require the deeds, titles, and conveyances to be reviewed and approved by the Attorney General. The sales on behalf of Emporia State University, Kansas State University, and Pittsburg State University would be exempt from statutory requirements for market-value appraisal (KSA 75-3043a) and regarding state surplus property (KSA 75-6609); the land exchange on behalf of the University of Kansas also would be exempt from statutory requirements regarding state surplus property. The proceeds from the sales would be deposited in the restricted fees accounts of Emporia State University and Kansas State University and the parking fees fund of Pittsburg State University; the transaction for the University of Kansas would be an exchange of property with the Kansas University Endowment Association.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

HB 2600, as amended, contains the provisions of HB 2600, as introduced, HB 2599, HB 2601, and HB 2636. The following provides background information on each bill.

*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>

***HB 2600 – 1601 State Street, Emporia, Lyon County,
Kansas***

HB 2600 was introduced in House Committee on Appropriations by Representative Schreiber on behalf of Emporia State University.

In the House Committee on Higher Education Budget hearing, a representative of Emporia State University provided **proponent** testimony that the property was donated to Emporia State University in 2000 by the Earl Sauder Company. The property is a former medical building four blocks from campus, which currently houses the Jones Center for Educational Excellence and the Department of Counselor Education and Rehabilitation. Both entities will be relocated to the main campus.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The Committee amended the bill to add the contents of HB 2599, HB 2601, and HB 2636.

***HB 2599 – University of Kansas Land Exchange with
University of Kansas Endowment***

HB 2599 was introduced in House Committee on Higher Education Budget by Representative Wasinger on behalf of the University of Kansas.

During the House Committee on Higher Education Budget hearing, a representative from the University of Kansas provided **proponent** testimony that the bill would allow the university to exchange three properties for a single property with the University of Kansas Endowment Association. The three properties that would be exchanged are the Wesley Building property, the southeast corner of Bob Billings Parkway and Crestline Drive, and the northwest corner of 21st and Iowa Street. In exchange, the University of

Kansas would receive approximately 28.3 acres of property on west campus that surrounds several State properties.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

HB 2601 – Riley and Cherokee Counties in Kansas and Douglas County, Nebraska

HB 2601 was introduced in House Committee on Appropriations by Representative Dodson on behalf of Kansas State University.

During the House Committee on Higher Education Budget hearing, a representative from Kansas State University provided **proponent** testimony that the bill would authorize the sale of a portion of the university's agronomy farm near Kimball Avenue and College Avenue. According to the representative, the sale of this property is key to a strategic partnership with the Edge Collaboration District creating a corridor connection with existing grain science facilities.

In 2019, the Legislature authorized the sale of land near Chetopa, Kansas, that had been used for pecan experimental research. This bill would sell a small parcel housing an office space and the remaining real estate of the pecan farm.

The bill would also authorize the sale of property at 1310 and 1312 S. 118th Street in Omaha, Nebraska. The property is a duplex that served as housing for veterinary students participating in veterinary externship experiences in Omaha. The property was purchased in 2005 and has not been utilized for more than three years.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

HB 2636 – Land within the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas

HB 2636 was introduced in House Committee on Higher Education Budget by Representative Wasinger on behalf of Pittsburg State University.

During the House Committee on Higher Education Budget hearing, a representative working on behalf of Pittsburg State University provided **proponent** testimony that the bill would authorize the sale of approximately a half-acre of land on the south edge of campus adjacent to the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

The land was originally purchased using university parking fund revenues and a small portion was donated to the university. The university has owned the land for approximately 10 years and was planning to expand existing parking on campus but according to the representative, the expansion is no longer a priority at the south end of campus.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

HB 2600 – 1601 State Street, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2600, as introduced, Emporia State University indicates the proceeds of the sale would be deposited in the restricted fees account and the university would save approximately \$77,000 in FY 2023 on deferred maintenance. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2600 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

***HB 2599 – University of Kansas Land Exchange with
University of Kansas Endowment***

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2599, the University of Kansas indicates the properties are approximately the same value and no funds between the entities would be transferred. The university would save approximately \$1.8 million in deferred maintenance and operating costs. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2599 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

***HB 2601 – Riley and Cherokee Counties in Kansas and
Douglas County, Nebraska***

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2601, Kansas State University indicates the proceeds of the sale would be deposited in the restricted fees account and the university would no longer incur costs to maintain the property. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2601 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

***HB 2636 – Land within the City of Pittsburg, Crawford
County, Kansas***

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2636, Pittsburg State University indicates the proceeds of the sale would be deposited in the parking fees account and the university would no longer incur costs to maintain the property. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2636 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

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