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As we begin this legislative session, we want to make sure we keep you, our supporters and advocates, informed about how activities at the State Capitol are affecting higher education.

The Kansas Legislature convened on Jan. 14 and on Jan. 16, Gov. Laura Kelly delivered her State of the State Address. Details of her budget were released the following day and can be found [here](#). The budget recommendations that affect higher education include:

- Restores operating funds originally reduced in FY 2017: \$8.9 million for all Regents institutions including \$1.8 million for Kansas State University.
- Recommends a 2.5 percent pay increase for state employees.
- Restores \$5 million to the Global Food Systems Research Grant for K-State.

K-State President Richard Myers '65 and Susan Peterson '76, '05, director of governmental relations, feel that these recommendations are a positive move and will help to meet the goal all Kansas Board of Regents institutions are striving for: funds to be restored to the 2009 funding level.

The importance of higher education cannot be taken lightly and benefits the entire state of Kansas.

At the Board of Regents meeting in January, Regent Dennis Mullen shared, "education beyond high school represents the best path towards prosperity for Kansas families, business and communities."

The K-State Alumni Association, along with our university partners, will keep you informed as we partner with other institutions and the Kansas Board of Regents to continue to advocate for higher education.

Thank you for your support of K-State and look for future emails updating you throughout the legislative session.

K-State alumni and friends are encouraged to ask their state legislators to support higher education. Please visit the K-State Alumni Association's [Wildcats for Higher Education web page](#) for more information on the messages and facts to support higher education.

If you know of other K-State alumni and friends who would like to receive Wildcats for Higher Education updates, please forward this message.

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The Kansas State University [Office of Government Relations](#) also provides weekly updates on legislative issues important to K-State and higher education.



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