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Governor has recommended a 5% increase for operational expenses for state universities

Governor has recommended a 4% merit pool for classified staff

- Also supports a longevity bonus program
 - Minimum: 10 years of service (\$500)
 - Maximum: 25 years of service (\$1,250)

Deferred Maintenance

- KUMC backlog is \$75.6 million
- Regents backlog is \$726.4 million

KUMC Involvement

- Dr. Karen Kelly: testimony in favor of a statewide smoking ban bill
- Dr. Mike Kennedy: testimony in favor of enhancements to the Kansas Medical Student Loan Program
- Dr. Barbara Atkinson: accompanied Chancellor Hemenway to the Education Budget hearing and responded to questions about the KU Cancer Center as well as affiliation discussions
- Dr. Dave Cook: scheduled to testify Tuesday in favor of legislation requiring insurance payments for telemedicine services
- Dr. Roy Jensen: scheduled to testify Wednesday in favor of legislation creating a breast cancer research and outreach license plate

Other Legislation of Note

- HB 2139: Income tax credit for taxpayer contributions to educational institutions for programs designed to train and educate licensed medical professionals
- SB 59: Kansas income tax credit for qualified tuition and related expenses paid to a Kansas educational institution
- HB 2227: Requiring female students enrolling in grade six to be inoculated against HPV
- HB 2275 and SB 170: Requiring schools to turn off vending machines during the school day and also limiting the kinds of vending machines in elementary and middle schools, respectively
- HB 2090: "The BMI Bill," which would require public schools to administer fitness tests that include weighing and measuring students so that BMI calculations can be made

Questions or Comments?

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