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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2705**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Higher Education Budget

**Brief\***

House Bill 2705 would authorize the State Board of Regents, on behalf of Kansas State University (KSU), to sell certain real property located in Manhattan, Kansas.

The bill would convey the rights, title, and interest in the real property, which would be executed in the name of the State Board of Regents by its Chairperson and Executive Officer. The conveyance would be prohibited until the deeds, titles, and conveyances have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General.

The bill would state that KSU would retain all proceeds from the sale of the property and would no longer incur costs to maintain the property. All proceeds from the sale would be credited to the Housing System Repair, Equipment and Improvement Fund of KSU. The bill would also exempt the sale of the property from statutory appraisal and state surplus property requirements.

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

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\*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>

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Higher Education Budget at the request of Representative Howe on behalf of KSU.

### ***House Committee on Higher Education Budget***

In the House Committee hearing on February 13, 2024, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of KSU, who detailed the history of the property and stated KSU plans to use money from the sale of the property toward deferred maintenance of Moore Hall. The representative also stated enactment of the bill would provide for partnerships with student life communities and assist with student housing for expected enrollment increases at KSU. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee recommended the bill favorably for passage on February 15, 2024. On February 20, 2024, the bill was withdrawn from the House Calendar and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.

On February 21, 2024, the bill was withdrawn from the House Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the House Committee on Higher Education Budget, which recommended the bill favorably for passage on March 11, 2024.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget on the bill, KSU estimates revenue of \$2.5 million in FY 2024 as a result of the sale. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Manhattan; Kansas State University; State Board of Regents; real estate