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BOARD'S STATEMENT ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S BUILDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

(TOPEKA) – This afternoon Regent Nelson Galle, Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement regarding the House and Senate Conference Committee's agreement on a five-year higher education maintenance funding plan:

“The Conference Committee's agreement would provide an important down-payment on this critical problem by providing \$90 million in new and guaranteed state funds over the next five years. Although these resources would enable the state universities to address about 14% of the \$663 million maintenance backlog that currently exists, this package obviously falls short of the kind of comprehensive solution that would adequately and ultimately address this difficult issue. Until this five-year plan can be re-visited, the maintenance backlog will continue to grow and the problem will become even more expensive and more dangerous. If ultimately enacted by the Legislature, the Conference Committee's agreement will at least allow the universities to enhance their ongoing efforts to tackle this vital issue. We would certainly be grateful for the opportunity to get started on these important maintenance projects.”

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