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## **BOARD'S STATEMENT ON HOUSE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

(TOPEKA) – This afternoon Regent Nelson Galle, Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement regarding the House's approval of a multi-year higher education maintenance funding plan:

“The House plan is a start but it's certainly not a solution. Over the next five years, the House plan would provide \$80 million in new and guaranteed state funds to the university campuses for vital maintenance projects. The Senate plan, conversely, would provide \$255 million in new and guaranteed state funds over the same period. It's also critically important to note that the House plan fails to address the future and on-going maintenance needs of the campuses, which means the universities will find themselves back in this same position, with a new catalog of deferred maintenance needs, at some point soon after the House's five-year plan is complete. Overall, the Senate plan represents a significantly more meaningful and comprehensive approach for dealing with today's needs and the maintenance obligations of the future. I'm optimistic that the House and Senate Conference Committee will be able to identify a truly adequate multi-year funding solution to address this critically important issue.”

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