

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2101

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2101, as amended, would extend the current transfer of the first \$10.5 million credited to the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund (ELARF) from ELARF to the Kan-grow engineering fund - KU, the Kan-grow engineering fund - KSU, and the Kan-grow engineering fund - WSU with each such engineering fund receiving equal amounts of \$3.5 million in each fiscal year (FY), for FY 2023 through FY 2032. The transfer first occurred in FY 2013 and is currently scheduled to end with the transfer in FY 2022.

The bill would also amend the goal of the University Engineering Initiative Act to continue to generate the same number of engineering graduates per year as is currently set for 2021, 1,365 graduates, to meet the needs of the engineering workforce for as long as the university engineering initiative act is financed with annual transfers from the ELARF.

The bill would add reporting requirements from the educational institutions, the Kansas Board of Regents, and the Secretary of Commerce to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Ways and Means of the Senate. The reports would include how many engineering graduates remain in the state over the previous three years; what efforts are taken to increase retention of graduates and opportunities for graduates in the state; and information regarding the number of engineering graduates from each state educational

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institution that were initially enrolled as in-state or out-of-state students.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations on behalf of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.

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In the House Committee hearing, there were seventeen **proponents**, including a representative from the Kansas Department of Commerce, stating there is still a strong demand for engineers across the nation. Additional **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives from the Board of Regents; METL, a coalition of local Chambers of Commerce from Manhattan, Emporia, Topeka, and Lawrence; the Chamber of Lawrence; the Overland Park Chamber; the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers; the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce; the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, and Wichita State University; Netsmart Technologies; Hallmark Cards; Spirit AeroSystems, Great Plains Ventures, Textron Aviation, and Bunting Magnetics; American Council of Engineering Companies; the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City; the Associated General Contractors of Kansas; the Kansas Chamber ; the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; and a representative from the Kansas Independent College Association. There was no neutral or **opponent** testimony.

The bill was amended by the House Committee to add reporting requirements from the educational institutions, the Kansas Board of Regents, and the Secretary of Commerce.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, enactment of the bill

would extend the annual ELARF transfers totaling \$10.5 million for an additional ten-year state commitment of \$105.0 million which is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2031. Any fiscal effect association with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

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