

### **Legislative Update January 27, 2014**

The Kansas Legislature had a short week as both the Kansas House and Senate observed Martin Luther King Day on Monday.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2014 Kansas State University and College of Agriculture Director/Dean John Floros provided testimony to the Senate Agriculture Committee. Director Floros provided the Legislative report and reviewed and highlighted successes which were achieved in the past year. He also discussed the impact of the budget reductions for both the current FY14 and next year's FY15 budgets. The total reductions over the 2 years passed by the Legislature last year is \$4.8 million (10.1%) for all of K-State Research and Extension.

In other legislative activity, Kansas Board of Regents Chief Executive Officer Dr. Andy Tompkins presented an "Update and Progress Report on Higher Education" to a combined meeting of the Kansas House and Senate Committees on Education. Click [HERE](#) to see Dr. Tompkins's report.

In week three of the 2014 Kansas Legislature, Kansas State University and College of Agriculture Director/Dean John Floros will provide a K-State Research and Extension update to the House Appropriations Committee on Monday January 27, 2014.

The Senate Education Committee will conduct hearings on Senate Concurrent Resolution 1616. This resolution expresses the Legislature's support for the Kansas Board of Regents "Foresight 2020" initiative. "Foresight 2020 is a 10-year strategic agenda for the state's public higher education system" Kansas Board of Regents, Foresight 2020 Annual Report. Click [HERE](#) for the report.

Finally, Landon Fulmer, Chief of Staff to Governor Brownback will present an update on the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF) project to the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

On Wednesday January 29, 2014 the State Capitol will be host to a celebration of the 153rd Birthday of the State of Kansas.