

Legislative Update Week of January 11, 2016

The Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senate convened for the 2016 Kansas Legislative Session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 2:00 pm. In the House of Representatives, four new members were sworn in to serve for the remainder of the 2015-16 term.

The House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committees will meet on Tuesday, January 12 to receive the preliminary report on the Efficiency Study authorized by the 2015 Legislature. The committees will hear from representatives of Alvarez & Marsal who are conducting the study. A final report will be presented to the Legislature in the next few weeks.

The Kansas Legislature will meet in Joint Session on Tuesday evening for the State of the State presented by Governor Brownback. The following morning on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 a joint meeting of the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committee will receive testimony from Shawn Sullivan, Kansas Budget Director, on the Governor's recommendations for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. The Governor's budget recommendations for Kansas State University and higher education will be reported in K-State Today later this week.

Also this week Kansas State College of Agriculture Dean and Director of K-State Research and Extension John Floros will testify to a joint meeting of the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The Dean is required by Kansas law to submit an annual report to the Kansas Legislature. The report may be viewed at <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/UNN30.pdf>.

Weekly updates will be posted in K-State Today on Tuesdays. If you would like to receive a listing of bills introduced in the Kansas Legislature impacting Kansas State University, higher education, and state agencies please send an email request to kstategr@ksu.edu.