

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1616**

By Senators Abrams and Arpke

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION supporting the Kansas board of  
2 regents' strategic plan for postsecondary education excellence, known  
3 as Foresight 2020.

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5 WHEREAS, The goals of the Kansas board of regents' strategic plan  
6 for postsecondary education known as Foresight 2020 are to increase  
7 postsecondary education attainment among Kansans, improve alignment  
8 of the state's postsecondary education system with the needs of the Kansas  
9 economy and ensure state university excellence; and

10 WHEREAS, The state, its businesses and industries, and individual  
11 Kansans will be best served if the board of regents is supported in its  
12 efforts to achieve these goals; and

13 WHEREAS, Achieving a postsecondary education credential is central  
14 to the success of citizens in getting and retaining high-quality jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, Retaining individuals who have postsecondary credentials  
16 in Kansas is necessary to meeting workforce demands and ensuring a  
17 competitive Kansas workforce; and

18 WHEREAS, Economic prosperity for the state and the individual  
19 depend on Kansans attaining an increased level of postsecondary  
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, Increasing educational attainment among the adult  
22 population is one of the most important objectives for any state: Now,  
23 therefore,

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*  
25 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature supports the  
26 Kansas board of regents' strategic plan for achieving postsecondary  
27 education attainment, as set forth in Foresight 2020, and specifically the  
28 objective of increasing to 60% or more by the year 2020 the number of  
29 Kansas adults who have a certificate, associate's degree or a bachelor's  
30 degree; and

31 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature encourages the board of  
32 regents, in consultation with the **local boards of education**, secretary of  
33 commerce, secretary of labor, commissioner of education, postsecondary  
34 educational institutions, the Washburn institute of technology, private  
35 business and industry, and other interested entities, to develop and execute  
36 a plan to increase the overall postsecondary educational attainment among

1 Kansans needed to fuel economic growth in Kansas; and

2 *Be it further resolved:* That the legislature, in consultation with the  
3 Kansas board of regents, encourages the development of a performance  
4 based funding formula that will help achieve the desired goals; and

5 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an  
6 enrolled copy of this resolution to the chair of the Kansas board of  
7 regents, secretary of commerce, secretary of labor and commissioner of  
8 education.