

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6017

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 A RESOLUTION prescribing state budget guidelines and controlling  
10 principles for the House of Representatives during the 2008 regular  
11 session in the consideration and passage of appropriation bills for the  
12 state budget for fiscal year 2009 and for ensuing fiscal years.  
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14 WHEREAS, The legislative budget process does not have an effective  
15 mechanism to reconcile overall spending, economic growth and out-year  
16 projections; and

17 WHEREAS, The legislative budget review and appropriation process  
18 has had only minor updates in years; and

19 WHEREAS, The legislative budget process does not have a mechanism  
20 to reevaluate costs beyond an original fiscal note, nor a means to track  
21 overall spending, nor a department to independently analyze the eco-  
22 nomic impact of policies considered by the legislature; and

23 WHEREAS, The Legislative Research Department could be provided  
24 increased resources in order to provide these additional analyses and data;  
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26 WHEREAS, The Kansas State Budget has increased over 17.3 % for  
27 the three most recent actual fiscal years which is more than inflation and  
28 population growth for the same period; and

29 WHEREAS, Sound fiscal management depends on accurate budgeting  
30 reconciled with mission statements and quantifiable management para-  
31 meters; and

32 WHEREAS, Spending decisions made previously or federally man-  
33 dated requirements have raised the State General Fund budget for the  
34 upcoming fiscal year by \$235 million or 3.9% before the current Legis-  
35 lature has even considered the new budget; and

36 WHEREAS, Kansas economic and job growth has lagged behind ec-  
37 onomic and job growth reported for our neighboring states: Now, there-  
38 fore,

39 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
40 That, for state fiscal year 2009, that the Legislative Research Department,  
41 with the assistance of the Division of the Budget, is hereby requested to  
42 use their best efforts to identify, analyze and disseminate information  
43 about new spending and overall budget numbers in the proposed state

1 budget for fiscal year 2009, and the economic impact of legislation under  
2 consideration; and

3 *Be it further resolved*, That the Committee on Appropriations shall  
4 recommend to the House Committee of the Whole overall budget rec-  
5 ommendations in the appropriation bills, including the omnibus approp-  
6 riation act of 2008, a State General Fund budget for fiscal year 2009  
7 authorizing expenditures of no more than \$6.417 billion or a 5% increase  
8 in authorized expenditures from the revised State General Fund budget  
9 for fiscal year 2008; and

10 *Be it further resolved*, That when the appropriation bills constituting  
11 the State Budget are to be considered by the House of Representatives,  
12 either in the Committee of the Whole or on Final Action, a statement  
13 summarizing the recommended State General Fund budget for Fiscal  
14 Year 2009 with comparisons to the approved State General Fund budget  
15 for Fiscal Year 2008, including recommended supplemental adjustments  
16 for Fiscal Year 2008, shall be presented to the members of the House of  
17 Representatives; and

18 *Be it further resolved*, That the House of Representatives shall allow  
19 expansion State General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2009, in relation to  
20 the approved State General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2008, only after  
21 due consideration of the prioritization of any enhancements and re- eval-  
22 uation of priorities of the programs and activities funded by the approved  
23 State General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2008; and

24 *Be it further resolved*, That the House Conferees meeting with the  
25 Senate Conferees on the Budget Bills shall maintain and adhere to these  
26 budget goals in their deliberations; and

27 *Be it further resolved*, That the House Committee of the Whole and  
28 the House of Representatives shall not consider appropriations that cause  
29 the overall State General Fund spending to exceed \$6.417 billion for fiscal  
30 year 2009; and

31 *Be it further resolved*, That appropriate House Committees, over the  
32 next two budget cycles, shall review mission statements, management  
33 parameters and spending by state agencies to develop recommendations  
34 to make programs more effective and cost efficient.