

Regents ask lawmakers to help boost nursing program

TOPEKA (AP) — The board that oversees public higher education in Kansas wants lawmakers to approve a five-year, \$10.6 million program to boost nursing school enrollment by 250 students annually to counter the state’s shortage of health professionals.

Legislative leaders say while it’s a good idea, money will be scarce during the session starting Jan. 9.

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“But the problem is we have a little extra money and lot of extra demands,” Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence, said Thursday.

The Board of Regents on Wednesday unanimously voted to seek legislative approval for a plan to hire more nursing faculty members, acquire new classroom equipment and create a loan program to help students obtain the master’s degree needed to teach at public nursing schools in Kansas.

“Highly qualified applicants are being turned away from Kansas nursing programs,” said Cindy Hornberger, nursing dean at Washburn University. “All nursing programs are now at capacity.”

The proposal responds to the Legislature’s call for a strategy to raise nursing school enrollment by 25 percent.

Labor studies indicate demand in the state for registered nurses could grow more than 30 percent by 2010.

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ing the upcoming legislative session will be finding money to meet a state Supreme Court mandate for lawmakers to spend more on public education for kindergarten through 12th grade.

House Taxation Committee Chairman Kenny Wilk, R-Lansing, agreed the nursing school proposal is a good idea but added: “I wouldn’t put a check mark with it being completed anytime soon.”

Kansas’ shortage of health care professionals is driven by the state’s aging population, a slump in nursing school enrollment at Kansas colleges and universities, and higher salaries in other states.

The plan to boost enrollment has backing from the Kansas Board of Nursing, the Kansas State Nurses Association, and public colleges and universities with nursing programs.

“It is a proactive approach to what is potentially a very critical problem for the state,” said Karen Miller, dean of nursing at the Uni-

versity of Kansas.

“There is a national, international, shortage of nurses. It’s a seller’s market. This is an approach that will certainly make a big dent.”

Ed Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University, said the school was prepared to increase by 50 percent, to 60 each year, the number of nursing students it accepts.

Under the proposal, \$5.7 million would be used in the program’s first year. That includes \$3.1 million for medical equipment, \$1.8 million for faculty salaries, \$750,000 for facilities and \$135,000 for student loans.

Ongoing costs of the nursing school expansion would be \$2.8 million in the second year.

About \$2.1 million would be needed over 10 years to finance the loan initiative, which would bind recipients of a master’s degree in nursing to teach in a Kansas nursing school in exchange for forgiveness of \$5,000 annually in loans.

No firm figure on oil refuge

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush calls it the most promising source of untapped oil in America and the key to greater energy independence. But how much oil is there in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

Nobody really knows for certain. As a Christmas week fight rages in Congress over whether to allow drilling along the narrow coastal strip of tundra 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, both sides are trying to use the refuge’s oil estimates —

as vague as they may be — to their advantage. Some of the rhetoric has little bearing on reality.

“There is considerable uncertainty regarding both the size and quality of the oil resources that exist” in the refuge, according to an analysis by the Energy Information Administration, the government agency that tracks energy statistics.

Even more uncertain is how much of the oil will be worth going after. That will depend largely on

the price of oil and the cost of development — including compliance with a slew of environmental restrictions likely to be imposed to protect the area’s abundant wildlife.

A 1998 U.S. Geological Survey assessment still used today concluded it’s almost certain there are at least 5.6 billion barrels of recoverable oil and possibly as much as 16 billion barrels (a 5 percent likelihood) beneath the refuge’s 1.5 million-acre coastal plain.



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KLBY/ABC 4 6	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 2	BBC World	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Jakers!-Winks	Barney-Friends	Teletub-bies	Mister Rogers	Dragon Tales	Beren. Bears	Sesame Street	
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	NFL Live	Fast-break
USA 37	Movie Cont'd		Movie	Varied Programs					Movie		Varied Programs	
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie			Becker		
WGN 39	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT 40	Angel		NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue			ER		Judging Amy		
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs							
A&E 47	Varied Programs										City Confidential	
HIST 48	Varied Programs											
NICK 55	Oddpar-ents	Oddpar-ents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyar-digans	Dora the Explorer	Lazy-Town	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer
DISN 56	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	Ein-steins	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Varied Programs			Ein-steins
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Movie		Varied Programs		Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		The Waltons	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 6	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Maya & Miguel	Arthur	Post-cards	Cyber-chase	Zoom	Business
ESPN 28	Varied Programs					1st & 10	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn		Interruption	SportsCenter
USA 37	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs							Movie			
TBS 38	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN 39	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
TNT 40	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Alias		Charmed		Charmed	
DSC 42	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
A&E 47	American Justice		Varied Programs								City Confidential	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK 55	Go Diego	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Teenage Robot	Varied Programs				SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Grown Up	Danny Phantom
DISN 56	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs				Kim Possible	That's-Raven	Sister, Sister	Phil of Future
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL 60	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Accord- ing-Jim	Rodney (N) (CC)	Barbara Walters Special: Heaven, Where Is It? How Do We Get There?				News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)			
KSNK/NBC (3) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		Name Is Earl	The Office	Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	NCIS Kill Ari (iTV) (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		NCIS Kill Ari (iTV) (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		48 Hours Mystery The birth of Jesus.		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman		Late Late		
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nova Spies That Fly (CC) (DVS)		Teens Behind the Wheel (CC)		Frontline (CC)		BBC World	Hard- ware	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
ESPN (28)	Sonic Bowl Mania Insider (Live) (CC)		College Football: New Orleans Bowl -- Arkansas State vs. Southern Mississippi. Lafayette, La. (Live) (CC)							SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			NFL Live (N) (CC)	
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU			
TBS (38)	Ray-m- ond	Ray-m- ond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy- America	Movie: A Night at the Roxbury ★½ (1998, Comedy) <i>Will Ferrell.</i>	Movie: As Good as It Gets ★★ (1997)					
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest This ... Is Evil (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest An Act of God (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest The Stranger Inside			
TNT (40)	Law & Order The Fire This Time		Law & Order Tombstone (CC)		Law & Order: Trial by Jury Skeleton		Law & Order C.O.D. (CC) (DVS)		Cold Case Glued (CC)		Las Vegas Down and Dirty (CC)			
DSC (42)	MythBusters Curing seasickness. (CC)		Mega Machines Task Masters		Dirty Jobs Dirtiest Water Jobs (N) (CC)		MythBusters Shop 'Til You Drop Special		I Shouldn't Be Alive Shark Survivor		Mega Machines Task Masters			
A&E (47)	American Justice		Cold Case Files (CC)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan Strangled (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)			
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Smart Bombs (CC)		Modern Marvels Snackfood Tech		Modern Marvels Snack Food Tech 2		Modern Marvels The history of sugar.		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels Snackfood Tech			
NICK (55)	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Jimmy Neutron	Full House	Father- hood	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Rose- anne		
DISN (56)	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: The Ultimate Christmas Present (2000)			Lizzie McGuire	Ameri- can Drgn	Sister, Sister	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible		
FAM (58)	A Very Barry Christmas (CC)		Movie: Eloise at Christmastime ★★ (2003, Comedy) <i>Julie Andrews.</i> (CC)			Whose Line?		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger Royal Heist		Walker, Texas Ranger War Cry		Movie: Twice Upon a Christmas (2001, Fantasy) <i>Kathy Ireland, John Dye.</i> (CC)							M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H Big Mac Payday

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	Freddie (CC)	Lost Abandoned (CC)		Lost The Other 48 Days (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)		
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		The Apprentice: Martha Stewart		Law & Order License to Kill (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)		Late Night	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	A Home for the Holidays		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: NY A murdered plastic surgeon.		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman		Late Late	
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Great Performances (CC)		Cathedral Concert 2005 Fort Hays State University.				BBC World	As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	NFL Live (CC)		College Football: GMAC Bowl -- Texas-El Paso vs. Toledo. Mobile, Ala. (Live) (CC)							SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)	
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		
TBS (38)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy- America	Movie: Rat Race ★★ (2001, Comedy) <i>Rowan Atkinson.</i> (CC)			
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest A death by torture.		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Shield (CC) (DVS)		Movie: Pretty Woman ★★ (1990, Comedy-Drama) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.				Movie: Pretty Woman ★★ (1990, Comedy-Drama) An executive plays Pygmalion to a young streetwalker.						
DSC (42)	Hong Kong's Cable Car (CC)		Container Ships Large cargo vessels.		MythBusters Salsa Escape (CC)		Dirty Jobs Bio- Diesel-Man (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chimney sweep techniques.		Container Ships Large cargo vessels.		
A&E (47)	American Justice Stacey's Story (CC)		Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Inked (CC)	Crossing Jordan Wild Card (CC)		Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Trash and treasure.		Bible Battles Exploring the biblical world from a military perspective. (N) (CC)				A History of God Exploring the age-old quest for meaning in existence. (CC)				Bible Battles (CC)		
NICK (55)	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Full House	Fresh Prince	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	
DISN (56)	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: Hercules ★★ (1997) <i>Voices of Tate Donovan.</i> (CC)			Ameri- can Drgn	Life With Derek	Sister, Sister,	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM (58)	Jack Frost		Movie: A Very Brady Christmas ★★½ (1988) <i>Florence Henderson.</i> (CC)				Movie: A Very Brady Christmas ★★½ (1988) <i>Florence Henderson.</i> (CC)		Home Videos		Home Videos		
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Walker, Texas Ranger Survival	Movie: Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus (2004, Romance-Comedy) <i>Crystal Bernard.</i>				M*A*S*H (CC)		M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	