

Hegseth argues against district court rulings on deployments

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said at a Senate hearing Wednesday that “we’ll see” if the Trump administration will withdraw military deployed in U.S. cities when the case makes it to the Supreme Court.

Hegseth was testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee about the Pentagon’s budget request on Wednesday, when he was asked by Hawaii Sen. Mazie Hirono, “If a court says this deployment of troops in cities is not legal, would you follow that?”

“I don’t believe district courts should be determining national security policy,” Hegseth responded.

“When it goes to the Supreme Court, we’ll see.”

The comment came during a contentious hearing, part of a series of Hill appearances by Hegseth this month amid growing backlash over President Donald Trump’s use of federal military forces to quell domestic protests.

The exchange followed weeks of legal challenges to the Trump adminis-

tration’s deployment of 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines to Los Angeles to support federal agents responding to protests sparked by a crackdown on undocumented immigrants.

During the hearing, Hegseth said that the Trump administration would comply with a Supreme Court order to pull federal troops from U.S. cities, clarifying earlier remarks that questioned the judiciary’s role in national security decisions.

“If the Supreme Court orders you to remove troops from American cities, will you do so?” asked Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a Massachusetts Democrat.

“If the Supreme Court rules on a topic, we will abide by that,” Hegseth said.

Earlier, he had argued, “Local district judges shouldn’t make foreign policy for the United States.”

When questioned by Rep. Sarah Elfreth, a Democrat from Maryland, Hegseth restated the administration’s stance: “We’re not here to defy a Supreme Court ruling,” as reported by Defense



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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee in the Dirksen Senate Office Building on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

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The Pentagon estimates the deployments will last 60 days and cost \$134 million. Critics argue that the action violates the Posse Comitatus Act, which restricts military involvement in domestic law enforcement unless the president invokes the Insurrection Act. Trump has not done so.

Hegseth defended the action as preventative.

“If there are other riots in places where law enforcement officers are threatened, we would have the capability to surge National Guard there if necessary,” he said.

Hegseth also drew criticism over his decision to restore the names of military bases originally named for Confederate officers.

“What we’re looking at is erasing history,” he said during questioning. Sen. Tim Kaine, a Democrat

from Virginia, criticized Hegseth for failing to consult families whose relatives had been honored with the newer base names.

Hegseth also addressed rising tensions with Iran, defending the administration’s pressure campaign on Tehran.

“They had an opportunity to make a deal. They should have made a deal,” he said. “President Trump’s word means something. The world understands that.”

Asked whether the military is preparing to support Israeli operations against Iran, Hegseth refused to discuss plans in open session. “Any decisions on this matter are at the presidential level,” he said.

Unless blocked by the courts, the Pentagon’s deployment of troops to Los Angeles will continue for the planned 60 days.

16-year-old dies in crash after truck collides with car in Basehor

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A teenager was killed in a wreck late Tuesday night in Leavenworth County, according to a Kansas Highway Patrol crash log.

Troopers responded to the crash around 9:15 p.m. at 155th Street and State Avenue in Basehor.

Preliminary information from troopers shows that Cody L. Lamping, 16, was driving a 2005 Toyota passenger car south on 155th Street as a 68-year-old man drove a 2017 Chevrolet pickup truck west on State Avenue.

Lamping allegedly ran a red light at the intersection

of the two roads, and the Chevrolet pickup struck the driver’s side of the Toyota at highway speed, the highway patrol said.

Paramedics transported Lamping to a hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

The 68-year-old man was taken to a hospital with minor injuries.

Both Lamping and the man were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash, the highway patrol said.

Basehor is about 25 miles west of Kansas City.

The crash remains under investigation.

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Dirk Nowitzki, German basketball player (b. 1978).
Salman Rushdie, British writer (b. 1947).
James I, king of England and Scotland (b. 1566).

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STUDENT DORMS

at the Stouffer, Hawker or McCarthy on-campus apartments costs \$1,317 a month for about 890 square feet of space.

On the most affordable end of the spectrum for on-campus apartment living, four students in two shared bedrooms at Jayhawker Towers can pay \$591 a month for 730 square feet of space.

BEST VALUE FOR STUDENT HOUSING

Although the cost of living on campus has modestly increased in the last five years, a Star analysis found that university-sponsored housing options remain among the most affordable for students — as long as they aren’t afraid to share close quarters.

Off-campus apartments generally offer more space to residents at a wide range of price points.

“It’s really hard to say what is going to make or break the living on campus experience — whether or not you have a car or you have a lot of friends on campus or you can easily have access to people,” Syed said. “But just being so close to your classes really was beneficial.”

Comparing prices can be challenging because on-campus leases last 10 months and are marketed to students at the total sum they pay over two semesters. Most private apartment leases last a year and are advertised at their monthly rental price.

University-owned options require all students except those living in an apartment to purchase a KU dining plan, which adds to the price tag. But

the university covers the cost of all utility bills, while most off-campus apartments require tenants to pay for utilities like electricity, water and gas separately from rent.

KU SCHOLARSHIP HALLS

In general, the most affordable on-campus living option is a scholarship hall, where students sign up to either clean the hall three times a week or cook meals for all residents once a week.

Adding in almost \$3,000 for required food expenses, the cost of living in a KU scholarship hall next school year will come out to \$791 or \$845 a month, depending on the floor plan.

That’s up from \$661 or \$706 for the 2021-22 school year, archived housing data shows.

K.K. Amini and Grace Pearson are both co-ed scholarship halls. Six other halls only house women and four only accept men. All scholarship hall dorms feature shared bedrooms for two, three or four students.

The average square footage of shared suites at K.K. Amini, Margaret Amini, Krehbiel and Rieger is 460 square feet, while the average offering at the other eight halls is 195 square feet, according to data provided by KU Housing & Residence Life.

PRIVATE APARTMENTS IN LAWRENCE

By contrast, the least expensive off-campus housing options offer significantly more space. An analysis of the most affordable leases at 25 Lawrence apartment com-

plexes found that the average floor plan is 693 square feet.

The average rental rate for those offerings is \$910 a month on top of the utility bills or fees that most management companies expect residents to pay for separately.

There are exceptions, though.

Hawks Pointe near KU’s campus offers options as low as \$500 a month, including all utility costs. A dorm-style four-person suite provides 200 square feet of space — barely more than most on-campus scholarship halls.

If more space is a priority, three roommates at The Landing Lawrence can pay \$590 a month each, plus electricity, for a 987-square-foot floor plan.

For students who value their privacy, the Red Hawk and Bluejay Apartments offer private 530-square-foot suites for \$650 a month plus water costs.

Other relatively affordable off-campus options that could suit students include Park 25 Apartments, HERE Kansas, The Links at Kansas, Village Square Apartments, Fieldhouse Apartments, and Autumn & August Place Apartments.

Park 25 offers 500-square-foot private suites starting at \$775 a month and rolls the cost of utilities into rent.

The other five all feature leases between \$800 and \$900 a month, but all of them, except HERE Kansas, require tenants to pay separately for utilities.

Six of the 25 complexes evaluated by The Star — Sagebrook on 9th, Parkway Commons, Aberdeen Apartments, 700 Mass Apartments, Hunter’s Ridge Apartments and Sunrise Terrace — don’t have any monthly rental

rates starting below \$1,000.

KU RESIDENCE HALLS

Kelsie Gana, an incoming freshman from Overland Park, decided to live in one of KU’s 10 residence halls.

“I wanted to be able to meet new people, and it just seems like a great way,” said Gana, who plans to study biology.

“I didn’t even know you could live off campus. I didn’t know we were allowed to.”

Unlike some universities, KU doesn’t have a freshman residency policy that requires students to get a waiver to opt out of living on campus. But university-sponsored options are encouraged.

“Aside from the community-building aspect of living in KU student housing, a major benefit for KU students is round-the-clock access to professional and student staff where they live,” said Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, a KU spokesperson.

Staff members connect residents to student services, including academic support, health care, safety resources and more, she said.

Financial aid and scholarship money can be applied directly to student housing and dining charges, Barcomb-Peterson said.

KU’s 10 residence halls require students to purchase a dining plan, which costs between \$4,400 and \$4,900 for two semesters, depending on how many meals students pay for.

Some residence hall suites are private, while others feature shared bedrooms.

Adding in the cheapest meal plan, the average monthly price point for a private residence hall suite is \$1,428 for a 10-month

lease. Private floor plans provide an average of 165 square feet.

For a shared two-person space, each roommate on the cheapest meal plan will pay \$1,238 a month on average. Corbin, GSP, Ellsworth and Hashinger offer 205 square feet on average for shared spaces and Self, Oswald, Downs and Naismith offer roughly 275 square feet.

For a shared four-person space, each roommate on the cheapest meal plan will pay \$1,335 a month on average. Lewis, Templin and Ellsworth provide roughly 520 square feet of space, while Self, Oswald and Downs average 760 square feet.

GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING

In February, KU made the controversial decision to remove gender-neutral bathrooms and gender-inclusive housing assignments at Grace Pearson scholarship hall.

The university website defines gender-inclusive housing assignments as “a housing option in which two or more students share a multiple-occupancy space, in mutual agreement, regardless of the students’ sex, gender identity, and/or gender expression.”

Now, the only scholarship hall that offers gender-inclusive housing is K.K. Amini, which costs more than Grace Pearson. One student who pro-

tested the change was Rhoswyn Hicks, who is non-binary and spent their time as an undergraduate living at Grace Pearson and two other scholarship halls.

“They said undergraduate housing staff and residents would be encouraged and required to report improper bathroom usage and also that improper bathroom usage could result in an incident report,” Hicks said.

Students who had found a home in the communal living space started to worry about being policed, they said.

“It kind of became, like, traumatic to live in this space with all this happening,” Hicks said. “I grew up with very restrictive parents who would police my identity and expression, and living in (Grace Pearson) with all the stuff with Housing happening kind of sent me back.”

Hicks is now pursuing a master’s of social work degree at KU. They’ve opted to live in an apartment within walking distance of campus.

They said they’re happy with their new living arrangement — especially because now they can have a pet cat and because there’s no one to enforce mandatory quiet hours like on campus.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The column by Toriano Porter on June 5 on Page 12A incorrectly implied that Independence Superintendent Dale Herl used but did not pay for the school district’s attorney in a private matter. Herl says he paid the attorney in the case of a speeding ticket.

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