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The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson Senate Committee on Education 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 66 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 66 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 66 would enact the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact. The purpose of the compact is to facilitate the mobility of teachers across the member states with the goal of supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. The compact would establish a collective regulatory framework that expedites and enhances the ability of teachers to move across state lines.

The compact would have the following objectives: create a streamlined pathway to licensure mobility for teachers; support the relocation of eligible military spouses; facilitate and enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information; enhance the power of state and district level education officials to hire qualified, competent teachers by removing barriers to the employment of out-of-state teachers; support the retention of teachers in the profession by removing barriers to licensure in a new state; and maintain state sovereignty in the regulation of the teaching profession.

The compact would also establish the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission, with one delegate per state of each state's commissioner of education. Fees may be assessed to member states who ratify the compact.

The Department of Education indicates that it would anticipate any fees assessed by the Commission established in SB 66 would be negligible and could be absorbed within current budget resources.

Sincerely,

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