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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Estes
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 12, 2025

Subject: HB 2139 – Increasing the minimum expenditure amount for school districts for contracted goods and services without requiring sealed bids and the minimum expenditure amount for goods and services that the district superintendent may acquire on behalf of the school district.

House Bill No. 2139 (HB 2139) amends two statutes to increase the dollar threshold for when certain expenditures can be made by school districts. First, K.S.A. 72-1131 authorizes local boards of education to delegate purchasing power to the superintendent of the school district for contracts that do not exceed \$20,000. The bill would increase this threshold to \$50,000.

Second, K.S.A. 72-1151 establishes the expenditure threshold for when a school district must use the sealed bid process for selecting a vendor. Currently, that threshold is \$20,000. HB 2139 would increase the threshold to \$50,000. School districts could then contract for construction, reconstruction, or remodeling services, or purchase other goods or services up to \$50,000 without using the sealed bid process.

If enacted, HB 2139 would become effective on July 1, 2025.