

January 30, 2025

The Honorable Susan Estes, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Estes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2034 by Representative Rhiley

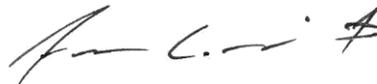
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2034 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2034 would allow a local board of education to employ, or accept on a volunteer basis, a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students. A chaplain employed or volunteering pursuant to this section would not be required to obtain any form of teacher license issued by the State Board of Education. Chaplains would be subject to the same criminal history records check as required by the local board of education for all other employees of the district.

No local board of education could employ, or accept on a volunteer basis, any person to serve as a chaplain who has been convicted of or adjudicated for an offense requiring registration as a sex offender pursuant to the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

The Department of Education indicates the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect for the state. The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that any costs associated with the bill would be borne by school districts choosing to employ, or accept on a volunteer basis, chaplains.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards