

February 19, 2025

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

Dear Representative Estes:

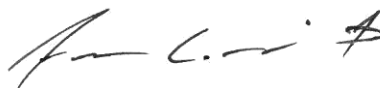
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2186 by Representative Hill

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2186 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2186 would require local boards of education to adopt policies and procedures to govern the use of privately owned electronic communication devices. The policies and procedures would: (1) prohibit students from using any privately-owned electronic communication device at school during normal hours of the school day, including passing periods and in the classroom; (2) outline disciplinary actions and consequences that would occur with a violation; and (3) authorize a student to use a privately-owned electronic communication device during the school day, under certain conditions. The bill would specifically authorize the use of the devices in a district's policies and procedures if the use is: (1) required for implementation of a student's individualized education program; (2) authorized by a teacher or administrator for educational purposes; or (3) pre-approved on an individual student basis because of health, emergency, or other special circumstances.

The Department of Education indicates the enactment of HB 2186 would have no fiscal effect on the agency or state aid payments to school districts. The Department notes that school districts would have to develop and implement the required policies and enforce the policies once in place. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Kansas Association of School Boards states that the enactment of the bill would require updating policies and procedures, as well as installing network security updates that would block the ability of students to use devices; however, any fiscal effect would be negligible.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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