

February 10, 2026

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

Dear Representative Estes:

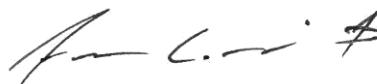
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2637 by Representative Essex, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2637 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2637 would require eligible local boards of education to consider participation in the community eligibility provision of the federal school lunch programs. The bill would provide a financial hardship provision from participation and would require the Department of Education to assist school districts seeking to participate in the community eligibility provision.

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of HB 2637 would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts; however, the provisions of the bill would require technical assistance for school districts, which could be done through the agency's existing staff and operating budget. The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill would require local school boards to work with the Department of Education for technical assistance in seeking to participate in the community eligibility provision. The Association notes that there could be some costs to districts with the enactment of the bill; however, a fiscal effect was not estimated. The Division of the Budget notes that because there would be a financial hardship exemption process, school districts could opt out if the bill's provisions would be too costly.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
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