

February 20, 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 2743 by House Committee on Education

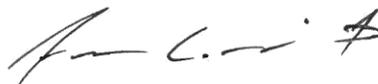
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2743 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2743 would require the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Education to ensure that no teacher preparation education program includes coursework, training, or instructional content related to diversity, equity, and inclusion principles as a condition of program approval or teacher licensure. Any requirement by the State Board of Education for elementary teachers to complete approved training in the science of reading and structured literacy or other training to achieve a seal of literacy within a certain period would be required to provide substitute and retired teachers an additional two years to complete training.

The Board of Regents states any fiscal resulting from the bill's enactment would be negligible. The Kansas Department of Education states the bill's enactment would not have a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Association of School Boards states the bill's provision regarding allowing an additional two years for substitute and retired teachers to complete training for the science of reading and structured literacy would provide school districts with flexibility in filling vacancies; however, the Association did not estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents
Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education
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