



April 28, 2025

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 298 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 298 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 298 would allow a state educational institution or municipal university to enter into agreements to affiliate with a technical college or a community college. As part of an affiliation, a technical or community college may change its official designation. All of the powers and duties established in the governing body of a technical college or the board of trustees of a community college by law would be transferred to the affiliating state educational institution or municipal university, subject to the supervision of the governing body of the affiliating state educational institution or municipal university.

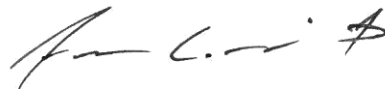
Unless otherwise provided in the affiliation plan, the board of trustees of an affiliated community college would oversee the operation of the community college campus and administer the funds of the community college or funds received from student tuition and fees, the state, or the United States for the operation of the community college campus. The bill would outline the establishment of industry advisory boards, funding eligibility for affiliated colleges, admission requirements, personnel, contracts, and bond indebtedness for community colleges. The bill would also specify that no board of trustees of an affiliated community college or governing board, president, or chancellor of a state educational institution or municipal university that affiliated with a community college would not have the authority to levy any tax on the taxable tangible property of a community college district.

The Board of Regents states enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operations. Emporia State University (ESU) indicates the bill's enactment could have one-

time costs associated with legal fees and administrative transitions, including IT systems integration, personnel training, and transition support. In addition, the bill's enactment could result in long-term savings from administrative efficiencies; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated by ESU.

Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Kansas Medical Center, Wichita State University, Fort Hays State University, and Pittsburg State University all indicate the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on any of their respective institutions. The Division of the Budget and the Board of Regents note there could be savings and efficiencies eventually in other operating expenditures for state educational institutions, including purchasing and IT systems integration resulting from the bill's enactment; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 298 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam C. Proffitt', followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

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Director of the Budget

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