

February 14, 2012

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 174-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2718 by House Committee on Education

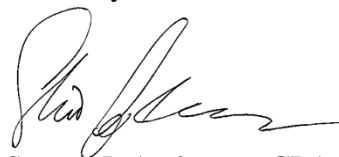
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2718 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2718 would allow local boards of education to adopt a local activities budget (LAB), which could not exceed 3.0 percent of the "statewide average amount per pupil." This term would be defined as the average amount per pupil of the combined general fund budget and the local option budget of all school districts, as computed by the State Board of Education. If the sum of a district's average amount per pupil and the LAB would be greater than the statewide average per pupil, then the LAB for the district would be the difference between the statewide average amount per pupil and the district average amount per pupil.

Implementing a LAB would require approval by a majority of the qualified electors of a school district and the spending authority would expire after five years. Expenditures from the local activities fund could be used for programs and activities that are not required by state law. Any balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year would be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Enactment of HB 2718 would not change state aid to school districts. Any additional expenditures resulting from enactment of the bill would be borne by districts that get approval from the qualified electors of the district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Anderson", written over a white background.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education