

February 20, 2019

The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 445-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 199 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 199 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 199 would establish the AO-K or Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas to Work Program which is a career pathways program model to assist students in obtaining a high school equivalency, becoming ready for transferable college-level courses and earning an industry credential. The bill includes definitions and the student qualifications for receiving a Kansas high school equivalency credential. The bill would create the Kansas High School Equivalency Credentials Processing Fee Fund to which revenues from a new \$25 credentialing fee would be deposited.

Tuition for AO-K students is currently provided to institutions offering AO-K programs through a State General Fund appropriation in the Kansas Board of Regents budget. However, the Board is unable to estimate the number of additional adult students who may participate in the program as a result of SB 199. The Board indicates enactment of SB 199 would increase its administrative costs, but any additional costs could be absorbed within existing resources and from new revenues generated from the credentialing fee. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 199 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents