

January 27, 2023

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

Dear Representative Thomas:

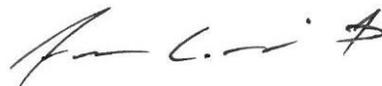
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2158 by Representative Garber

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2158 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2158 would create the Campus Free Speech Act requiring the governing body of each Kansas public postsecondary educational institution to adopt a policy of free expression, establish a committee on free expression and provide a cause of action for violations of the Act. The committee would be established by the governing board and consist of at least 15 members who would submit a report to the governing board, Governor, and Legislature. The report would include a description of barriers or disruptions to free expression, administrative handling and discipline, and any assessments and recommendations.

The Kansas Board of Regents indicates the enactment of HB 2158 would have an effect on the Board of Regents office, state universities, Washburn University, community colleges, and technical colleges, but any costs would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities