

February 12, 2024

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 2644 by House Committee on Education

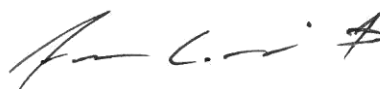
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2644 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2644 would establish uniform interest rate provisions for service scholarships administered by the Board of Regents that have repayment obligations as a part of the terms and conditions of the scholarship. Under current law, the interest rate for each service scholarship is outlined in individual statutes. The bill would create an interest rate of 5.0 percent per annum which would begin to accrue when the repayment obligation begins.

The bill would allow the Board to recover the reasonable costs of collection, including, but not limited to, court costs, attorney fees, and collection agency fees, from any individual who is subject to a repayment obligation arising under any scholarship, grant, or other student financial aid program. The bill would allow the Chief Executive Officer of the Board to fix, charge, and collect fees for the processing of applications and other activities related to the administration of student financial assistance programs administered by the Board.

The Board of Regents indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents