

March 15, 2005

The Honorable Jim Morrison, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 171-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Morrison:

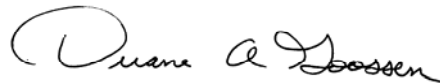
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2396 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2396 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2396 would require that each state university provide to students living on campus detailed information on the health risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability of a vaccine. Also, it would require that students living on campus show proof that they have received a meningococcal vaccine. Each university would be required to maintain records on the meningococcal vaccination status of each student living on campus; however, the university would not be required to provide or pay for vaccinations.

Currently the Regents institutions are following the American College Health Association recommendations on meningitis to provide educational materials and offer meningitis vaccine or provide a referral to where a vaccination can be obtained. HB 2396 would also require that records be kept on the vaccination status of each student. Maintaining these records would incur costs, but information is not available to determine the amount. The Board of Regents notes that the cost would be borne by each institution's student health center or the student housing operation.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Marvin Burriss, Board of Regents