February 15, 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 148 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 148 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 148 would allow a local board of education to specify a product or installation method in a request for proposal (RFP). However, the specification could not include a proprietary product or installation method. In addition, the board could not require a bidder to obtain a certification or certain approvals to establish that the product or installation method is a substantially similar alternative to the product or installation method specified in the RFP. Finally, if an RFP specifies a particular product or installation method, the board could not consider any responding bids unless at least three bidders have responded to the RFP.

Enactment of SB 148 would have no fiscal effect on state aid to school districts. Any increased costs to local boards of education in its RFP process would be a result of the independent decisions made by local boards.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education