January 16, 2020

The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator McGinn:


In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 255 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 255 would create the Cancer Research and Public Information Trust Fund to be administered by the University of Kansas (KU) Medical Center. The bill would transfer $10.0 million from the State General Fund to the Cancer Research and Public Information Trust Fund on July 1, 2020, and on July 1 each subsequent year. Expenditures from the fund must be used to enhance research at the KU Cancer Center in the areas of laboratory, clinical and population-based research, and to recruit and retain cancer researchers and clinicians to conduct cancer research, education, and outreach programs for Kansans. The bill would require any expenditures from the fund to be approved by the director of the KU Cancer Center or the director’s designee and would require the director to submit an annual report to the Kansas Legislature detailing the manner in which the funding is used to enhance cancer research, cancer education, and outreach programs, beginning January 1, 2021.

SB 255 would authorize a demand transfer from the State General Fund to the newly created Cancer Research and Public Information Trust Fund, which would reduce available revenues to the State General Fund by $10.0 million each year beginning in FY 2021. The University of Kansas indicates SB 255 would increase annual expenditures for the KU Cancer Center by $10.0 million from the new fund beginning in FY 2021. The Cancer Research and Public Information Trust Fund would need to be included in the appropriations bill so that the Medical Center could make expenditures from the fund as outlined in SB 255. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 255 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc:  Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents
     Dianne Goddard, University of Kansas