

January 20, 2021

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 286B-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2039 by Representative Huebert

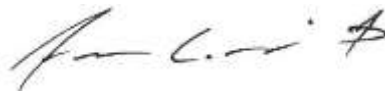
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2039 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2039 would require all students who enroll in grade nine in any accredited public, private, or parochial high school on or after July 1, 2021, to be required to pass an examination on the principles of American civics. The examination would be required to have 100 questions that are substantially similar to questions administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services agency to applicants for United States citizenship through naturalization. Any student who does not pass the examination would not be certified as having completed the course requirements necessary for graduation from high school. The State Board of Education could adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$400,000	\$400,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to the Department of Education, an estimated 37,300 students would be required to take the examination required by the bill. Since the bill would allow students to take the exam multiple times, the agency estimates that approximately 40,000 tests would be administered each year. At an estimated cost of \$10 per test, the agency would require an additional \$400,000 from the State General Fund to administer the tests ($\$10 \times 40,000 \text{ tests} = \$400,000$). Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2039 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt".

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Craig Neuenswander, Education