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The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson House Committee on K-12 Education Budget 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2521 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2521 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2521 would require the State Board of Education to authorize the issuance of teaching licenses for individuals who complete an alternative teacher certification program. The bill would define an alternative teacher certification program as one that: (1) operates in at least five states; (2) has been in operation for at least ten years; (3) includes subject-area content training and pedagogical training that covers effective instructional design, and professional learning and leadership; and (4) requires applicants to pass a subject area examination and a pedagogy examination to successfully complete the program. The bill would outline requirements for individuals applying for a license under the conditions of the bill. The State Board of Education would be required to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the bill's provisions.

The enactment of HB 2521 would have no fiscal effect for the Department of Education. The Division of the Budget notes that any administrative expenses that would be required to implement the bill would be performed by existing staff of the agency.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education