February 20, 2013

The Honorable Kasha Kelley, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Kelley:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2289 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2289 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2289 would prohibit the Kansas Department of Education and all local school districts from spending funds to implement the set of education curriculum standards established by the common core state standards initiative. In addition, the bill would amend current law regarding curriculum standards and in core academic areas of math, science, reading, writing and social studies to prohibit inclusion of common core educational standards.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, the State Board of Education adopted the common core state standards initiative during calendar year 2010. With the enactment of HB 2289, the state would have to abandon the common core standard and develop a new set of education standards, including developing, analyzing, and validating the assessments. The Department estimates that the minimum cost would be approximately $9.0 million for both mathematics and English language arts. In addition, the Department estimates there would be additional costs for validating the assessments and building the test forms. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2289 is not reflected in The FY 2014 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc:  Dale Dennis, Education