

April 17, 2014

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

Dear Representative Kelley:

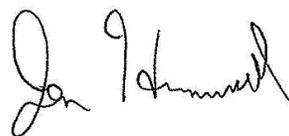
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2546 by Representative Rothlisberg, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2546 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2546 would allow nonpublic schools the option of using statewide assessments that would be compatible with current curriculum standards, or using statewide assessments that were utilized by the State Board of Education in the 2002-2003 school year. Public schools would not have the option to use the statewide assessments that were used in the 2002-2003 school year.

According to the Department of Education, enactment of HB 2546 would require expenditures totaling at least \$2.5 million from the State General Fund over a two-year period to develop assessments for the standards that were used in the 2002-2003 school year. The expenditures in the first year would be for a vendor to draft a test blueprint, write test questions that follow the blueprint, administer the new questions to a random sample of students across the state, conduct psychometric studies on the test questions, assemble the test questions into a final test form, and convene and facilitate meetings statewide to review test forms. In the second year, the tests would be administered statewide by the vendor as part of a field test. The results from the test would be studied and the state would decide on a method for setting scores for the tests using data from the field test. Educators and educational stakeholders from across the state would participate in the score setting process. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2546 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education