April 16, 2014

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

Dear Senator Masterson:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 444 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 444 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a local board of education that has made a tax levy to finance capital outlay expenditures can initiate procedures to renew the levy in the same amount at five-year intervals. SB 444 would allow school districts to renew the levy for a number of years determined by the local board of education, subject to protest petition.

According to the Department of Education, enactment of SB 444 could increase the number of capital outlay levies, which could in turn increase the amount of capital outlay state aid payments to districts. However, the Department does not have an estimate of a potential increase. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 444 is not reflected in The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc:  Dale Dennis, Education