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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** House Committee on Vision 2020  
**From:** Scott Abbott, Assistant Revisor  
**Date:** February 10, 2016  
**Re:** HB 2568

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House Bill 2568 would allow the board of trustees of any community college to levy property taxes in any county where the college operates a satellite campus outside of the college's taxing district. A satellite campus is defined as a campus located outside of the community college district and in a different city or county than the original campus. This new section mirrors the current authority in K.S.A. 71-501 for a community college to levy property taxes for the college's primary campus.

Such tax levy would be limited to no more than two mills and no longer than five years. Proceeds from a tax levied under this new authority could be used for construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions, buildings, architectural expenses, furnishings, equipment, and the acquisition of real property.

The bill imposes public notice requirements upon any community college seeking to levy a tax under the new authority, including: the board of trustees must pass a resolution approving the levy; and such resolution must be published once per week for three consecutive weeks in a general circulation newspaper in the county. If five percent or more of the qualified electors in the county sign a protest petition against the levy, the levy could not be made without being approved in an election.

The balance of the bill's sections amends current statutes to accommodate any new tax levied under section 1, including deposit of funds and the option of a community college not to levy an approved tax in a given year.

If enacted, the bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2016.