

February 10, 2016

The Honorable Ronald Highland, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 561-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2622 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2622 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2622 would the amend the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act by repealing statutes that create an advisory commission and allow the commission to make recommendations on proposed fees or rules and regulations prior to adoption. The bill would also repeal statutes that prohibit institutions from collecting tuition prior to instruction and the submission of a student's first assignment. The bill would clarify that an institution's application for renewal would be deemed late if all the required documentation, information and fees were not submitted at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the institution's certificate of approval. In addition, the bill would modify the fee structure provided for Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions. Finally, the bill would increase the maximum application fee for duplication or verification of a General Educational Development (GED) credential from \$15 to \$25.

The Board of Regents estimates that the provision in HB 2622 to increase the fee for duplication or verification of GED credentials from \$15 to \$25 would increase fee fund revenues by \$56,670 in FY 2017. The Board bases its estimate on 5,667 duplicate GED credentials issued in FY 2015 (5,667 x \$10 increase = \$56,670). If the new fee structure proposed for private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions were enacted, the Board indicates it would decrease revenues to the fee fund by 2.0 percent, but would help align revenues with the expenses incurred by the Board. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2622 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents