

April 28, 2016

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 348 by Senator Hawk, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 348 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the state or municipalities cannot prohibit carrying concealed handguns in state or municipal buildings unless the buildings have adequate security measures and are conspicuously posted using Attorney General-approved signage. "Adequate security measures" means the use of electronic equipment and personnel at public entrances to detect weapons being carried into buildings. SB 348 would exempt postsecondary institutions from these provisions. The bill would allow postsecondary institutions to prohibit concealed handguns without establishing adequate security measures.

According to the Kansas Board of Regents, passage of SB 348 would not have a fiscal effect on current expenditures of the state universities, Washburn University, community colleges or technical colleges. However, the bill would allow the avoidance of additional, future costs that would be needed by postsecondary institutions to comply with the current requirement that adequate security measures be provided. The specific cost and nature of the additional expenditures needed for adequate security measures are not yet known. Postsecondary institutions are currently evaluating policies for allowing the carrying of concealed handguns on campuses and the security enhancements that will be necessary at campus buildings. SB 348 would have no fiscal effect on the Office of the Attorney General.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents
Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office