February 23, 2016

The Honorable Steve Abrams, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 224-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Abrams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 470 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 470 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 470 would create the Intercollegiate Adaptive Sport Contribution Program for any adaptive sport recognized by Disabled Sports USA. The program would allow state universities, Washburn University and private postsecondary educational institutions to create an adaptive sport program for disabled students enrolled at their institution, and apply for grant funds within the Kansas Board of Regents. The Board would be required to establish standards and criteria for reviewing, evaluating and approving grant applications and spend $100,000 of its operating funds on the program for students with disabilities. Beginning with tax years commencing after December 31, 2016, taxpayers would be allowed to make contributions to the program as part of their income tax filing. The revenues would be deposited in the newly created Intercollegiate Adaptive Sport Contribution Program Fund and any grant funds received would have to be matched dollar for dollar by the institution.

The Board of Regents indicates SB 470 would divert $100,000 from its State General Fund appropriation currently budgeted entirely for operations to grants awarded for the Intercollegiate Adaptive Sport Contribution Program in FY 2017. The Board is unable to estimate the amount of revenue that could be generated from taxpayer contributions because the number of taxpayers that may elect to donate to the program is not known. Postsecondary institutions that elect to offer an adaptive sports program would incur both one-time and annual recurring costs associated with developing, equipping and staffing the program, but costs would vary depending on the type and size of the program.

The Department of Revenue estimates SB 470 would require modifications to the automated tax system at a cost of $62,200 in FY 2018. The required programming for this bill
by itself would be performed by existing staff of the Department of Revenue. However, if the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department’s programming resources, or if the time for implementing the changes is insufficient, expenditures for outside contract programmer services beyond the Department’s current budget may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 470 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents
    Jack Smith, Department of Revenue