The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2685 by Representative Ballard, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2685 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, postsecondary educational institutions may be exempted from allowing the concealed carrying of handguns in state or municipal buildings, if the institution has developed a security plan for the building that adequately protects the occupants. HB 2685 would allow postsecondary educational institutions to prohibit the concealed carrying of handguns in state or municipal buildings or grounds at the institution’s discretion.

The Kansas Board of Regents indicates that enactment of HB 2685 could decrease expenditures related to postsecondary educational institutions implementing security measures, such as walk-through metal detectors and additional security officers in order to provide adequate security, which allows the institution to prohibit the concealed carrying of handguns in state or municipal buildings. However, the decrease in expenditures cannot be estimated because the current expenditures relating to the additional security measures is unknown. The Office of the Attorney General indicates that enactment of HB 2685 would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2685 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

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