

February 17, 2020

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 286-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2572 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2572 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2572 would create the Educator Protection Act and the Kansas Education Liability Fund, which would provide excess professional liability coverage for all full-time and part-time teachers and student teachers. The fund would protect against damages for claims arising from the performance of the teachers' and student teachers' duties within the scope of employment or assignment. The Commissioner of Insurance or designee would be the administrator of the Kansas Educator Liability Fund. The bill would provide that the fund would cover the costs associated with the administration of the fund, along with the purchase of any insurance policies by the Insurance Commissioner for the program. Finally, the purchase of any insurance policies for this program would not be subject to the bid process of the state's Committee on Surety Bonds and Insurance.

According to the Insurance Department, the enactment of HB 2572 would require additional expenditures totaling \$138,600 and 2.00 FTE positions to administer the program. The estimate includes salaries and wages expenditures totaling \$128,600 for the two positions and other operating expenditures, totaling \$10,000 for computers and other office equipment. The agency did not provide an estimate for the cost of purchasing an insurance policy, or an estimate of the cost if the agency uses self-insurance for the program. The Division of the Budget assumes all costs for the program would be funded from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2572 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education
Bobbi Mariani, Insurance