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The Honorable Molly Baumgardner, Chairperson Senate Committee on Education Statehouse, Room 445B-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 139 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 139 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 139 would prohibit any test, questionnaire, survey or examination from containing any questions about a student, parent or legal guardian's personal beliefs on certain issues including sex, family life, morality or religion, to be administered to any student enrolled in kindergarten or grades one through 12 unless: (1) the test does not request any personally identifiable student data; (2) the student is informed that participation is voluntary; (3) the parent or legal guardian may opt out the student from participation; and (4) the results are reported only in aggregate data. The bill would not prohibit school-based mental health professionals from providing services to a student.

Enactment of SB 139 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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