

February 17, 2011

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 174-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

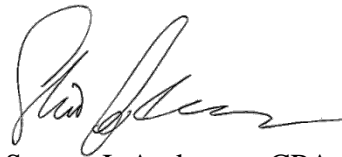
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2302 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2302 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2302 would require local boards of education to schedule a public hearing within 45 days of receiving a petition for establishing a charter school. The bill would also allow a petitioner to appeal the decision of a local board of education to the State Board of Education. If the Board would find that a charter school would likely achieve program goals, the Board would be required to enter an order approving the school. In addition, the local board of education would be required to provide at least the base state aid per pupil, plus applicable weightings and other categorical funds attributable to students enrolled in a charter school.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2302 would have no fiscal effect on state aid programs to school districts.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education