

February 12, 2024

The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2645 by House Committee on Education

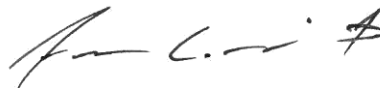
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2645 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2645 would make changes to the Nursing Service Scholarship Program. The bill would remove the sponsorship requirement; remove the limits on the amount of scholarship awards and the number of scholarships that may be awarded; modify the terms and conditions for interest accrual on repayment obligations; and would abolish the Nursing Service Scholarship Review Committee. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Board of Regents indicates enactment of HB 2645 would eliminate the sponsorship requirement, which would reduce revenues the Board receives from sponsors; however, the Board also indicates with the reduction in revenue, there would also be a corresponding reduction to expenditures.

The Board states the sponsorship requirements have limited the Board's ability to use the full State General Fund appropriation each year. With the removal of the sponsorship requirement and the limit of scholarships that can be awarded, the Board estimates it would be able to fully award the entire State General Fund appropriation. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2645 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents