

February 24, 2014

The Honorable Kasha Kelley, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kelley:

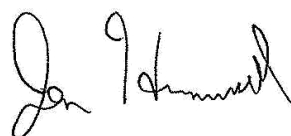
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2647 by Representative Todd

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2647 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2647 would prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions from using money appropriated to the institution from the State General Fund or any special revenue fund to support academic boycotts of certain countries or of any institution for higher education in those countries. Public postsecondary educational institutions would be prohibited from providing funding, paying for memberships, or paying for employee expenses to attend any meeting of an academic group which has made an official statement or action to academically boycott a host country or of any institution for higher education in the host country. If this policy is violated, an amount equal to the state aid expended would be deducted from any future state aid to the institution. The bill would not limit the activities of employees. In addition, the bill clarifies that student groups using non-state funding would not be limited in their activities.

The Board of Regents reports that it is unaware of the frequency of academic boycotts. Currently academic boycotts have occurred against Israel higher education institutions by the Association for Asian American Studies and the American Studies Association; however, the universities do not contribute to those organizations. HB 2647 would have no fiscal effect on the Board of Regents or state universities.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents