

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519C-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

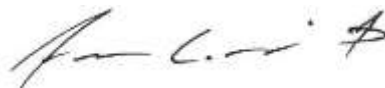
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2285 by Representative Garber

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2285 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2285 would create the Campus Free Speech Act requiring the governing body of each Kansas public postsecondary educational institution to adopt a policy of free expression, establish a committee on free expression, and provide a cause of action for violations of the Act. The committee would be established by the governing board and consist of at least 15 members who would submit a report to the governing board, Governor, and Legislature. The report would include a description of barriers or disruptions to free expression, administrative handling and discipline, and any assessments and recommendations.

The Kansas Board of Regents indicates the enactment of HB 2285 would have an effect on the Board of Regents office, state universities, Washburn University, community colleges, and technical colleges, but any costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents