January 28, 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 2043 by Representative Otto

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2043 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2043 would require every school district in Kansas to publish on its website a report listing all expenditures approved by the local board of education during the preceding month, beginning July 1, 2011. The report would include the date of the expense, the reason for the expense, the vendor or payee, and the amount.

Enactment of HB 2043 may cause the Kansas Department of Education to be called upon to provide technical assistance to school districts. However, the cost associated with this assistance would be negligible. Any additional costs required to implement HB 2043 by school districts should be negligible, as the expense information is readily available and reviewed by local boards of education on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc:  Dale Dennis, Education