

February 25, 2015

The Honorable Ronald Highland, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 561-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2378 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2378 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2378 would create the Kansas Legislature Award for Teaching Excellence Program. The program would recognize and reward outstanding elementary and secondary Kansas public school teachers and schools; attract, reward and retain outstanding teachers; and encourage the pursuit of teaching excellence.

A selection committee, comprising 13 members as outlined in the bill, would decide the process for nominating teachers for awards. The committee would select at least 15 elementary and secondary Kansas public school teachers based upon certain criteria outlined in the bill. Of the 15 teachers, at least three teachers would be from each congressional district. The following awards would be given, subject to appropriations:

1. One \$20,000 award for the most outstanding teacher;
2. Four \$15,000 awards for finalist teachers;
3. At least ten \$10,000 awards for semifinalist teachers;
4. Up to fifteen \$10,000 awards for each school from which the top teachers have been selected.

After July 1, 2015, the Kansas Department of Education would be prohibited from administering any substantially similar teacher recognition and award programs. However, the Department would provide the committee any assistance that it would require, including oversight of the program.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2015 SGF	FY 2015 All Funds	FY 2016 SGF	FY 2016 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$340,000	\$340,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to the Kansas Department of Education, enactment of HB 2378 would require additional annual expenditures from the State General Fund totaling \$340,000, beginning in FY 2016. Of this amount, \$330,000 would be required for award payments to teachers and schools, and \$10,000 for providing assistance to the committee, including assisting with the application, the nomination process, and the award ceremonies. The award payments estimate of \$330,000 includes \$20,000 for the most outstanding teacher, \$60,000 for the four finalist teachers ($\$15,000 \times 4 = \$60,000$), \$100,000 for the ten semifinalist teachers ($\$10,000 \times 10 = \$100,000$) and \$150,000 for up to fifteen schools from where the top teachers have been selected ($\$10,000 \times 15 \text{ teachers} = \$150,000$). Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2378 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education