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The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson House Committee on Appropriations Statehouse, Room 112-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2716 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2716 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2716 would clarify provisions authorizing educational benefits for spouses and dependents of deceased, injured, or disabled public safety officers and employees; military personnel; and prisoners of war by adding new definitions for accident, covered person, fees, injured or disabled, injury and disability, intentional act of violence, nature of the employment, and repetitive trauma. HB 2716 would also increase the annual limitation on reimbursement of educational benefits to a prisoner of war or a dependent or spouse from \$350,000 to \$500,000. The bill would take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book

The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report includes a \$350,000 State General Fund appropriation to the Kansas Board of Regents for tuition waivers in FY 2023. An additional State General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 would be needed to cover the maximum amount of tuition waivers authorized by HB 2716.

Sincerely,

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