

February 9, 2023

The Honorable Steven K. Howe, Chairperson
House Committee on Higher Education Budget
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Howe:

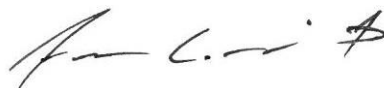
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2290 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2290 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2290 would allow the affiliation of Northwest Kansas Technical College and North Central Kansas Technical College with Fort Hays State University. The institutional infrastructures of these technical colleges would be officially designated as Fort Hays State University – Northwest Kansas Technical College and Fort Hays State University – North Central Kansas Technical College. Both technical colleges would be governed by and operated as technical colleges within Fort Hays State University. The technical college boards would become advisory boards with appointments made by the President of Fort Hays State University to represent industry sectors and regions that correspond to the programs offered by each college. The bill includes additional provisions related to the affiliation agreement.

Fort Hays State University and the Kansas Board of Regents indicate the enactment of HB 2290 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the State General Fund. The proposed affiliation has the potential to generate savings for the university and each technical college in the long-term by allowing the institutions to more efficiently develop and collaborate on programs and initiatives designed to meet regional workforce needs, strengthen rural Kansas communities, and facilitate student access and success.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents
Wesley Wintch, Fort Hays State University