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

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2234 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2234 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2234 would require the Kansas Board of Regents, the board of trustees of any community college, Washburn University Board of Regents, and the governing body of any technical college to adopt and implement a policy and plan that would prohibit an employee from providing or using his or her official title when authoring or contributing to a newspaper opinion column. This would be the policy only when the opinion of the employee concerns a person holding an elected public office in Kansas, a person who is a candidate for an elected public office in Kansas, or any matter pending before any legislative or public body in Kansas.

The passage of HB 2234 would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents