

February 9, 2016

The Honorable Larry Campbell, Chairperson
House Committee on Vision 2020
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sloan:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2568 by House Committee on Vision 2020

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2568 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2568 would allow the board of trustees of any community college the authority to levy property taxes in any county where the college operates a satellite campus. The bill would allow an annual property tax levy for up to two mills and for a period of up to five years. The community college would be allowed to use the proceeds from the property tax for construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions, buildings, architectural expenses, furnishings, equipment, and the acquisition of real property for building sites or for education programming. The bill includes public notification requirements before the board of trustees of the community college could adopt a resolution that authorizes the property tax levy. If 5.0 percent of the qualified electors in the home county sign a protest petition, then the resolution would be required to be approved in an election.

The Department of Revenue estimates that HB 2568 would have no fiscal effect on the Educational Building Fund, State Institutions Building Fund, or the state's uniform mill levy that supports local school districts. The bill has the potential to increase local property taxes to support community colleges; however, the Department of Revenues does not have data on which community colleges would use this authority to make a precise estimate of the increase in local property tax collections. The Board of Regents indicates that it is unknown whether or not community colleges would benefit from increased local tax revenues since the language in the bill is permissive.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents