

February 22, 2016

The Honorable Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Masterson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 451 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 451 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 451 would authorize the consolidation of Wichita Area Technical College with Wichita State University. Wichita Area Technical College would be named the Wichita State University School of Technology and Applied Science and the governing board would become the industry advisory board to the Wichita State University president. The bill provides that the new School of Technology and Applied Science would provide education and training, applied research and engaged service to enhance the business and economic competitiveness of Kansas, including credential and degree programs which span from a General Education Degree credential to a doctoral degree. The School of Technology and Applied Science would still be eligible for funding available as currently appropriated for Kansas technical colleges.

The Board of Regents indicates there would be no overall fiscal effect with the enactment of SB 451, as Wichita State University would be eligible to receive the same state funding sources currently provided to Wichita Area Technical College.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Herrin, Wichita State University
Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents