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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 161 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 161 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 161 would allow the Board of Regents to adopt a policy for state universities that grants leave time to university support staff at the same rate as the unclassified staff.

Passage of the SB 161 would not have a fiscal effect on the Board of Regents or state universities. Under current law, the Board sets annual leave amounts for state university classified staff. The Board is also authorized to convert classified staff to university support staff to provide universities with greater flexibility in pay and job title administration, while retaining classified staff benefits, such as annual leave. During the period from 2012 to 2014, state universities converted all classified staff to university support staff. However, annual leave only applies to classified staff. SB 161 would allow the Board to retain the annual leave amounts for the newly converted classified staff to university support staff.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents