

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2196 by Representative Ballard

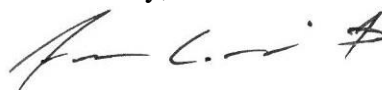
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2196 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2196 would provide a permanent exemption for postsecondary educational institutions from the public building requirements under the Personal and Family Protection Act. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Board of Regents indicates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on postsecondary educational institutions. Since July 1, 2017, when the exemption expired, each postsecondary educational institution has implemented various security measures, including metal detectors, and additional security officers to comply with the law's requirements during large events or in specific buildings or areas of campus where firearms are prohibited. The Board states there could be some cost savings; however, the Board is unable to estimate those cost savings.

The Office of the Attorney General states enactment of the bill could make the state subject to a legal challenge under federal constitutional grounds. The agency estimates additional State General Fund expenditures of approximately \$1.0 million in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 to hire outside counsel for a litigation challenge; however, the agency indicates litigation costs could exceed the \$1.0 million estimate. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2196 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents  
Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General