

February 10, 2026

The Honorable Susan Estes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Estes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2565 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2565 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

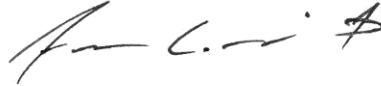
Under current law, teachers and licensed personnel at the School for the Blind and School for the Deaf are required to be paid not less than the rate of compensation that is paid to a teacher or licensed staff employed by USD 233—Olathe, as of September 1 of the preceding school year. HB 2565 would require pay parity for these employees with the current school year of USD 233—Olathe.

The School for the Blind and School for the Deaf report that the enactment of the bill would require the agency's staff to upload new information in the state's personnel system but would be performed within existing staff and resources.

The Division of the Budget notes that the enactment of the bill compared to current law would require a one-time shift of increased costs from the budget year to the current year. For example, in July 2025 when the Division of the Budget sent State General Fund budget allocations to agencies, it was estimated that the current USD 233—Olathe teacher parity for FY 2027 would increase the School for the Blind's budget by \$221,000 and the School for the Deaf's budget by \$295,000. However, with the enactment of HB 2565, the schools would have had to request a FY 2026 supplemental request from the State General Fund for those same amounts for current year parity. The Division also notes that the timing when USD 233—Olathe reaches a teacher agreement for the current school year varies from year to year. In some school years, it is not known what the current year teacher contract is when the agencies submit budgets by September

15 each year. This could cause budget uncertainty for both the schools and the state. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2565 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "P" at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Aela Tan, School for the Blind  
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Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education