



February 16, 2026

The Honorable Renee Erickson, Chairperson
 Senate Committee on Education
 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Erickson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 458 by Senate Committee on Education

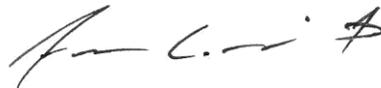
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 458 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 458 would require the state assessment performance levels and cut scores to be based on the 2024 performance levels and cut scores. Current law states that the state board would determine performance levels on the statewide assessments based upon high academic standards in the academic area at the grade level of the assessment.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$617,000	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$617,000	--
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

According to the Department of Education, the enactment of SB 458 would require the agency to work with the University of Kansas (KU) and field experts that assist in the setting of cut scores and performance levels. The agency notes that the current statewide assessment was designed over a five-year period and the current performance levels and cut scores cannot be directly transferred to an updated test. The agency estimates the cost to implement the provisions of the bill at \$617,000, all from the State General Fund in FY 2027. This estimate includes additional consultation with the agency's Technical Advisory Committee facilitators at an estimated cost of \$110,000, additional Kansas Assessment Advisory Council Meetings at a cost of \$7,000, and additional KU assessment contract costs totaling \$500,000. The additional KU assessment contract costs include \$153,000 for supplies, travel, and subsistence for educators attending standards setting meetings and \$347,000 for KU staff to perform the psychometrics, prepare the materials, support the meetings, and create final data to generate student reports. All estimated costs would be one-time expenditures in FY 2027. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 458 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education