

March 9, 2011

The Honorable Lana Gordon, Chairperson  
House Committee on Education Budget  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Gordon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2233 by Representative Aurand

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2233 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

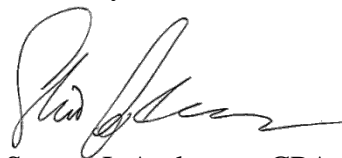
HB 2233 would change various weightings in the current school finance formula. The following outlines the proposed changes:

1. Reduce the high enrollment weighting from 0.035 to zero;
2. Reduce the bilingual education weighting from 0.0395 to 0.3812;
3. Reduce the vocational education weighting from 0.5 to 0.4825;
4. Reduce the at-risk weighting from 0.456 to 0.44;
5. Reduce the high-density at-risk weighting from 0.10 to 0.0965; and
6. Reduce the medium at-risk weighting from .06 to 0.0579.

The bill would also eliminate the expiration date of the current provisions in law on counting the current year, prior year, or three-year average on the high-density at-risk weighting.

According to the Kansas Department of Education, the weighting changes outlined in HB 2233, if enacted, would reduce the weightings in the school finance formula by approximately \$96.3 million, or approximately \$145 per pupil. However, without an accompanying reduction to the appropriation for general state aid, the state aid that would have been distributed by the higher weightings would increase the overall base state aid per pupil by the same amount. Enactment of HB 2233 by itself would not change the amount of state aid that would be distributed to school districts. However, there would be redistribution of state aid among districts. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2233 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dale Dennis, Education