

January 20, 2012

The Honorable Jean Schodorf, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schodorf:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 261 by Legislative Educational Planning Committee

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 261 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 261 would eliminate the expiration date on the Board of Regents fees schedule established for Kansas private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions operating in Kansas. The bill would allow the continuation of the current fee structure and make the statutory fee structure permanent, grant the Board of Regents rule and regulation authority to set fees within the statutory limits, and adjust the minimum rate on several fees charged to smaller institutions. The fees support the Board's review and approvals of institutions and programs offered by private postsecondary institutions.

The Board of Regents states that SB 261 would allow the current fee structure to continue. The fees bring in approximately \$1.0 million to provide oversight for private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions operating in Kansas. Passage of SB 261 would not increase the amount of revenue the Board receives. However, if the bill does not pass, this source of funding would be lost for the program. *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report* assumes continuation of the fees.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents