

February 20, 2014

The Honorable Kasha Kelley, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kelley:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2686 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2686 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2686 would create the Kansas Legislature Award for Teaching Excellence. The purpose of the program would be to recognize and reward outstanding elementary and secondary teachers. The program would be administered by a 13-member Teaching Excellence Selection Committee, as outlined in the bill. Members of the Committee would receive no compensation or reimbursement for travel or subsistence expenditures. The outstanding teacher selected by the committee would receive \$20,000. Four finalist teachers would receive \$15,000 each, and at least ten, but not more than 20 semifinalist teachers would receive \$10,000 each. The schools from which the top teachers were selected would each receive \$10,000.

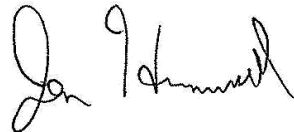
The bill would establish the Kansas Legislature Award for Teaching Excellence Fund in the state treasury. The fund could accept gifts and donations for program expenditures. Any funds received by a school district from the program would be deposited in the district's general fund and would be considered reimbursements for purposes of the school finance funding formula.

Finally, the bill would prohibit the Department of Education from administering the Kansas Teacher of the Year program, or any similar teacher recognition and awards program. However, the prohibition would not extend to educator awards established by the Milken Family Foundation.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds	FY 2015 SGF	FY 2015 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$530,500	\$530,500
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The maximum annual cost for the teacher and school awards with the enactment of HB 2686 would be \$530,000 ((\$25,000 for top teacher award) + (\$15,000 X 4 finalist awards) + (\$10,000 X 20 semifinalist awards) + (\$10,000 X maximum 20 schools) = \$530,000), all from the State General Fund. In addition, the Department of Education notes that the bill would allow for an awards ceremony, which would cost approximately \$20 per person, for a total of \$500 from the State General Fund (\$20 X 25 award recipients = \$500). The Division of the Budget notes that the total cost of \$530,500 could be offset by any donations and gifts received by the Committee. However, the amount of donations and gifts is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2686 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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