

February 9, 2016

The Honorable Steve Abrams, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Education  
Statehouse, Room 224-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Abrams:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 388 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 388 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 388 would require the Kansas Board of Regents to adopt a policy requiring the state universities to award the appropriate number of credit hours to any enrolled student who successfully passes an exam through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The policy would include the number of credit hours awarded, the number of credit hours applying to degree requirements, transcripts, and the transfer of passed exams to other state universities. Each state educational institution would begin awarding credit hours to enrolled students who have successfully passed a CLEP exam beginning July 1, 2017.

The Board of Regents indicates it currently has policies in place related to credit for prior learning and is in the process of revising the policies with the potential of implementing changes. The Board indicates the universities currently accept CLEP exams which do not necessarily transfer to other universities since each may have different passing scores. In addition, the Board indicates the enactment of SB 388 could reduce tuition revenues as students take the exams and do not take courses, but a precise estimate of the reduction in those revenues cannot be determined.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents