

February 13, 2024

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

Dear Senator Baumgardner:

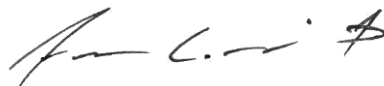
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 438 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 438 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 438 would allow all students in an Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) Program to be able to receive the AO-K assistance benefit. The bill would amend current law by eliminating the requirement to subtract other aid from the state payment in the AO-K Program. The bill would also clarify the payment provided for each student could not exceed \$500 over the lifetime of the student.

The Board of Regents is unable to estimate exact funding that would be needed for additional students and to pay for books, tools, or other required materials. According to the Board, Goodwill Industries of Kansas estimates up to 350 students could take advantage of the assistance that do not currently do so, which is estimated to cost \$175,000 in FY 2025. The Board states the \$175,000 estimated increase could be covered within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 438 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents