

March 14, 2016

The Honorable Amanda Grosserode, Chairperson
House Committee on Education Budget
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Grosserode:

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

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

HB 2686 would amend statutes for postsecondary career technical education performance-based incentive funding, known as the GED (General Education Development) Accelerator. Currently, the GED Accelerator awards community colleges, technical colleges, and the Washburn Institute of Technology with performance funding for students who concurrently earn a GED credential and an approved postsecondary credential. HB 2686 would include Pittsburg State University (PSU) as one institution that would be eligible to receive performance funding.

For the GED Accelerator, the Kansas Board of Regents awards eligible postsecondary institutions \$500 for each individual who has received a GED credential; \$1,000 for each individual who has received a career technical education credential; and \$170 for each student enrolled in an eligible career technical education program while also pursuing a GED credential. Based on the number of students at PSU who may meet these requirements, the Board indicates any additional awards could be made within the current appropriation for the GED Accelerator Program. The Board indicates PSU would be required to submit information for students who currently do not have a high school diploma or GED; maintain documentation systematically that the student is working towards GED completion; and submit special data collections on students related to program and course inventory which would be different from other state university data collections. The Board indicates the revisions necessary to collect and analyze the data for PSU could be absorbed within existing resources; however, other data projects would be delayed. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2686 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents
John Patterson, Pittsburg State University