February 11, 2020

The Honorable Kent Thompson, Chairperson
House Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 187C-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2580 by Representative Dove

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2580 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the governing body of a city is authorized to annex land to the city if one or more conditions exist. HB 2580 would remove the following from the list of conditions:

1. The land is platted, and some part of the land adjoins the city;
2. The land lies within or mainly within the city and has a common perimeter with the city boundary line of more than 50.0 percent;
3. The land if annexed will make the city boundary line straight or harmonious and some part thereof adjoins the city, except no land in excess of 21 acres shall be annexed for this purpose; and
4. The tract is so situated that two-thirds of any boundary line adjoins the city, except no tract in excess of 21 acres shall be annexed under this condition.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates HB 2580 would eliminate its power of unilateral annexation. As a result, the League estimates cities would experience decreased growth; increased police, fire and infrastructure costs; and decreased revenues from property taxes.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
    Trey Cocking, League of Municipalities
    Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue