February 6, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223A-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 338 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 338 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 338 would provide for an alternative budget process for taxing subdivisions or municipalities by allowing them to prepare a notice showing the estimated expenditures and ad valorem property tax revenues for the proposed budget year, rather than a detailed and adopted budget. The forms for the alternative budget process would be provided by the Department of Administration.

According to the Department of Administration, any fiscal effect from SB 338 would be absorbed within existing resources. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect if the notice requirements could be fulfilled in the same notice as a regular meeting. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the bill would allow cities to develop more accurate budget estimates by having three more months of actual receipts. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 338 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc:  Jay Hall, Association of Counties
     Trey Cocking, League of Municipalities
     Jeff Scannell, Department of Administration