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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Bergquist

Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 1, 2023

Subject: HB 2083 – Creating the Kansas Vacant Property Act.

House Bill No. 2083 (HB 2083) would enact the Kansas Vacant Property Act (Act). The Act would prohibit municipalities from requiring the registration or listing of vacant property with the municipality or imposing any type of tax or fee against the owner, manager, lienholder, or mortgagee of vacant property solely on the basis that the property is vacant. Any ordinance, resolution, or regulation in violation of the Act would be null and void.

The Act defines "vacant property" as property that is unoccupied if the property consists of a single unit, or, if the property consists of multiple units, then property that has one or more units that are unoccupied. The term includes both residential and commercial property.

If enacted, HB 2083 would become effective on July 1, 2023.