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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 474 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 474 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, any ordinance passed or made effective by election under the provisions of 12-107 of the General Statutes of 1949 will continue in effect but could be amended or repealed. SB 474 would repeal this provision. Also, under current law, the provisions would not apply to administration ordinances. The bill would remove that exemption. The bill specifies that nothing in its provisions would prevent an initiative petition for an administrative ordnance.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates the bill's enactment would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of the agency. The agency also states enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on local units of government unless a proposed change results in an increase in municipal special elections. Additional costs would be dependent on the size of the jurisdiction and the length of a proposed ballot.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states enactment of the bill would allow citizens to bring petitions for administrative ordinances that could have a potential fiscal effect if they require a city to do something that would result in an additional cost, such as petitions regarding administrative salaries or petitions that conflict with voter-approved initiatives, which could affect bond ratings. The League is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect. The Kansas Association of Counties states the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on Kansas counties.

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cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State