

February 8, 2011

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 149-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2084 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2084 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2084 would amend existing law concerning governmental consolidation and reorganization. The bill would allow the creation of a consolidation study commission by the board of county commissioners and the governing body of a city or by a petition of not less than 10.0 percent of the qualified voters in the county and city. The consolidation study commission would prepare and adopt a plan addressing the organization of the city and county or the consolidation of offices, functions, services, and operations. The plan would include the costs and benefits of reorganizing the city and county and provide for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration. The plan would be implemented upon approval by a majority of city voters and a majority of county voters.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that HB 2084 would allow the consolidation of a county and city which could result in a more efficient local government, depending on the size and population of the area involved. The expenses incurred by the consolidation study commission would be the responsibility of the city and county proposing to consolidate. Passage of this bill would have no effect on the state budget.

Sincerely,



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