

February 15, 2012

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 2662 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2662 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2662 would prohibit counties and regional solid waste management planning authorities from establishing restrictions in their local solid waste management plans on the disposal of recyclables and yard waste in privately owned or operated landfills located within their planning boundaries.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) states that HB 2662 would prevent one county or region from establishing regulations or ordinances related to waste disposal that have the potential to financially impact communities outside of the planning area. This would apply to scenarios where a private landfill serves as a regional disposal site for multiple counties, including counties outside of the planning area. KDHE states that HB 2662 has the potential to save local government units money by prohibiting waste management mandates that have associated costs. For example, a yard waste disposal ban in a regional private landfill could make many communities implement separate yard waste collection, composting or disposal programs in order to divert yard waste from their transfer station which sends waste to the regional landfill.

Conversely, the Kansas Association of Counties states that by taking away the ability of counties to regulate these materials in their landfills, counties run the risk of filling the landfills quicker. Counties then would have to bear the cost of adding additional landfills earlier than was originally projected. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2662 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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