

January 30, 2012

The Honorable Roger Reitz, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Reitz:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 347 by Senate Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 347 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 347 would exempt all municipalities, as defined in KSA 12-105a, from paying filing fees to the Court of Tax Appeals (COTA) for tax protest, tax grievance, or tax exemption appeals, or any other original proceeding. KSA 12-105a defines municipality as, "county, township, city, school district of whatever name or nature, community junior college, municipal university, city, county or district hospital, drainage district, cemetery district, fire district, and other political subdivision or taxing unit, and including their boards, bureaus, commissions, committees and other agencies, such as, but not limited to, library board, park board, recreation commission, hospital board of trustees having power to create indebtedness and make payment of the same independently of the parent unit."

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	(\$240,000)
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Court of Tax Appeals estimates that SB 347 would reduce filing fee revenue to the COTA Filing Fee Fund by \$240,000 in FY 2013. Without additional assistance from the State General Fund to offset this revenue reduction, the agency indicates it would have to increase

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filing fees to commercial and business entities that file tax appeals with the Court. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 347 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Janis Lee, Tax Appeals