January 29, 2013

The Honorable Arlen Siegfried, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 185-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Siegfried:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2052 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2052 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2052 would make the unlawful discharge of a firearm within or into the corporate limits of any city a crime. However, the following would be exempt from the bill’s provisions if a firearm is discharged:

1. In the lawful defense of one’s person, another person, or one’s property;
2. A supervised shooting range;
3. To lawfully take wildlife, including nuisance wildlife, if approved by the Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism and the governing body of the city;
4. By authorized law enforcement officers or animal control officers;
5. By special permit of the chief of police;
6. Using blanks; or
7. In self-defense or defense of another person against an animal attack if a reasonable person believes that deadly force against the animal was necessary under the circumstances.

A violation of HB 2052 would be a class B nonperson misdemeanor.
The League of Kansas Municipalities reports that it cannot determine what, if any, fiscal effect passage of HB 2052 would have upon Kansas cities. Enactment of HB 2052 would have no fiscal effect on the Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. The Department notes that it is currently working with various cities in regards to wildlife management programs within the city limits.

Sincerely,

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