

January 29, 2016

The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce  
Statehouse, Room 445-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Lynn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 338 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 338 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 338 would amend the definition of “abandoned property” to include residential properties that have been unoccupied for 365 days and have a blighting influence on surrounding properties. Under SB 338, cities would be able to petition the district court to gain temporary possession of these abandoned properties with the intention to rehabilitate them through a designated organization. After 365 days of gaining temporary possession, the city may petition the court to gain quiet title of the property.

The Kansas League of Municipalities indicates that all cities in the state have abandoned properties which could qualify for temporary possession under SB 338. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Larry Baer, League of Municipalities  
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties