February 15, 2018

The Honorable Steven Johnson, Chairperson
House Committee on Taxation
Statehouse, Room 185-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Johnson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2620 by Representative Parker

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2620 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, if a city or county passes a budget that requires additional property taxes compared to the previous year, with certain exceptions, then the budget must be approved by voters. HB 2620 would allow the governing body of any city or county to increase property tax, without voter approval, for mental health services and services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled community.

According to the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties, HB 2620 would have a fiscal effect on cities and counties. Cities and counties would not be required to hold special elections to approve increases in property taxes when those increases would pay for mental health services and services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled community. It is not possible to estimate how many fewer elections would be held and how much those elections would cost; as a result, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Department of Revenue indicates HB 2620 would have no fiscal effect on state revenues.

Sincerely,

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