

February 16, 2011

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 149-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

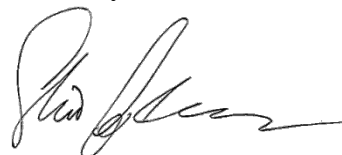
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2166 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2166 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires the governing bodies of counties and second and third class cities to designate a newspaper as the official site for publication of city or county legal notices, advertisements, ordinances, or resolutions. HB 2166 would give these counties and cities the option of choosing a website as the official site. If a website is selected, it could not be password protected, it must be accessible to members of the general public, and no fee could be charged for accessing the website. If a county or city was required by law to publish in the official newspaper, the county or city would continue to comply with that requirement.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities, there could be a considerable savings achieved by cities and counties if they choose to use a website as the official site for publication rather than the newspapers. The Association estimates that counties with large populations could save \$120,000 to \$160,000 annually, counties with medium populations could save \$20,000 annually, and counties with small populations could save \$800 a year if there is no existing website and up to \$2,000 a year, if a website already exists. Passage of this bill would not have an effect on the state budget.

Sincerely,



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cc: Melissa Wangemann, KS Association of Counties  
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