

February 16, 2011

The Honorable Anthony Brown, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Brown:

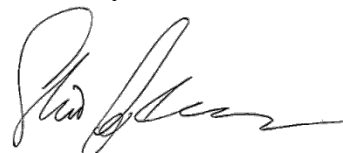
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2244 by House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2244 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires certain tradespeople who are licensed annually to obtain at least 12 hours of continuing education every two years or six hours each year. These include plumbers, electricians, mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractors as well as master and journeyman mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics. Not less than six hours every two years of the required amount must be code education. HB 2244 would change these requirements to six hours of continuing education, including three hours of code education, within one year after the local governing body adopts a new mechanical code.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of HB 2244 could result in some savings if a city or a county pays for the continuing education of plumbers, electricians, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics on its staff. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that there might be some expense associated with amending licensing ordinances to reflect the changes in state law; however, the League is not able to estimate what that expense might be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson".

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