

January 25, 2012

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 2478 by Representative Mah

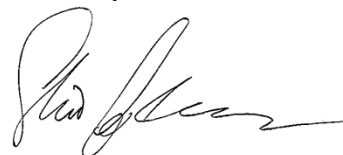
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2478 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2478 would require counties to make determinations, through the adoption of resolutions, that any proposed annexation of land by a city will have an adverse effect on the county. If a county fails to adopt a resolution within 30 days of the annexation hearing, the annexation would be considered to be approved by the county.

According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, passage of HB 2478 would have a fiscal effect on cities as a result of additional staff time required to prepare and appear before county commission annexation hearings and carry out the requirements of KSA 12-521. However, a precise effect cannot be determined because it is not known how many hearings would be required and what role KSA 12-521 may have in future annexation proceedings as a result of the bill's enactment.

The Kansas Association of Counties suggests that HB 2478 could increase the likelihood that counties may be drawn into annexation lawsuits, which would result in additional legal costs for counties. However, the Association does not anticipate any annexation process cost increases if the bill is implemented. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2478 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities
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