

January 31, 2013

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 2075 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2075 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2075 would expand the definition of abandoned property by including any residential real estate that has been unoccupied continuously by the persons legally in possession of the property for the preceding 180 days and which has a blighting influence on the surrounding property. The bill would expand the definition of "blighting influence" to include conditions in the structure which are dangerous or injurious to the welfare, including, but not limited to, the economic welfare of the occupants or other residents of the area. The bill would also amend existing law to permit the rehabilitation of abandoned property to be used for community development or economic development purposes. In addition, the bill would allow governing bodies of cities to petition the district court for an order of temporary possession of property in the same way that organizations are currently allowed to petition.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of HB 2075 would have no fiscal effect on local governments. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that it is not possible at this time to estimate what the effect of passage of HB 2075 might be.

Sincerely,



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cc: Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities  
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