

January 20, 2015

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 2003 by Representative Houser

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2003 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law provides the conditions under which the governing body of a city may annex land, including land that is owned or held in trust for the city or an agency of the city. HB 2003 would amend these conditions to specify that land could be annexed if it adjoins the city and is owned or held in trust for the city or an agency of the city. In addition, the bill would change the requirements for the governing body of a city to annex land that does not adjoin the city, by requiring a unanimous vote by the board of county commissioners that the annexation will not cause harm to the owners of the land surrounding the land proposed to be annexed. The bill would repeal the provision in current law that land adjoining this land would not be considered as adjoining the city for future annexation action. The bill would also make several technical corrections.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that it is unable to determine what the fiscal effect of passage of HB 2003 might be on cities. The League does indicate that there is the potential for litigation between a city and county with regard to a county's determination of an annexation and, in that case, the fiscal effect on the cities and counties could be significant.

Because county commissioners are currently required to vote in cases where a city intends to annex non-adjoining land, the Kansas Association of Counties states that there will be no fiscal effect on the counties.

Sincerely,



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