

January 26, 2016

The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2451 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2451 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2451 would add Animal Control Officers (ACO) to the list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that HB 2451 could have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities. The reporting requirements could require additional training for ACOs to recognize and report suspected child abuse or neglect. The reporting requirements and possible court or other proceeding appearances could take time away from normal animal control duties. However, because the time required for reporting or how often an ACO could be called on to testify are unknown, it is not possible to estimate the fiscal effect on Kansas cities. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2451 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
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