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The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 373 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 373 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 373 would specify that counties are not liable for any debts of a county hospital other than general obligation bonds issued for a county hospital and any other debt obligations where a county has specifically agreed to be liable for the debt.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of SB 373 would have a fiscal effect on Kansas counties. Counties would be protected against liabilities of county hospitals, except liabilities specifically agreed upon by counties and other general obligation bonds. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of SB 373 would have fiscal effect on Kansas cities. Cities taking ownership of certain hospitals could become liable for certain debts of the hospital while counties would remain liable for general obligation bonds and other, specifically agreed upon, debts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Campbell".

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Chief Budget Officer

cc: Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment