

Governor's Military Council

House Standing Committee on Local Government
Testimony on HB 2072
(Relating to: dealing with solid waste and recycling restrictions)
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Chairman Huebert and members of the Committee, I'm John Armbrust, Executive Director of the Governor's Military Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2072.

In 2010, the Kansas Legislature passed HB 2445 which stated that areas defined by military installations and their surrounding communities are, "a state area of interest vital to national security and the economic well being of the state". This action by the Legislature was taken in part to acknowledge the fiscal and economic impact of military activities in the state - \$7.5B per year into the Gross State Product; over 160,000 Kansans employed drawing wages and salaries of over \$5.5B; and payment of property and income taxes of \$350M-\$400M per year.

The U.S. Congress recently passed, and the President signed into law, the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act. Included in this Act is a provision which allows installations to enter into "...an intergovernmental support agreement with a State or local government to provide, receive or share installation support services...". Additionally, the Act states that, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an intergovernmental support agreement..., (A) may be entered into on a sole-source basis; (B) may be for a term not to exceed five years; and (C) may use, for installation support services provided by a State or local government, wage guides normally paid by the State or local government."

Given today's environment of Department of Defense budget reductions, the possible impact on the Department of sequestration and the expected request by the President for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds in 2015 and 2017, the Governor's Military Council has initiated a priority effort to identify cost savings for our State's military installations, the State and local governments through the use of intergovernmental support agreements. An area under consideration is consolidation of material management services.

Based on the above, I recommend the Committee consider a clarifying amendment to HB 2072 which allows the municipalities surrounding Forbes Field, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, McConnell AFB and the Smoky Hills Weapons Range/Great Plains Joint Training Center to use instruments such as intergovernmental support agreements to provide to, or receive from, a nearby military installation or other municipalities near or surrounding the same nearby military installation support services to include material management services.

Chairman Huebert, thank you for the opportunity to provide your Committee my thoughts concerning HB 2072.

Respectfully,

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