

January 16, 2014

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 149-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

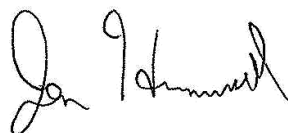
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2419 by Representative Merrick

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2419 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2419 would amend existing law concerning land included in a fire district that is annexed by a city in Johnson County. Current law makes detachment of annexed land from the fire district contingent upon an agreement by the governing bodies of the city and the fire district, with final approval by the board of county commissioners. The bill would remove the time limit within which this agreement must be reached, as well as the petition, publication and hearing process required by current law in cases where the city and fire district are unable to reach an agreement. Negotiations between the city and the fire district for the transfer of the annexed land would no longer be required to include negotiations for the transfer of other property of the fire district or compensation for that property. The City of Overland Park would no longer be exempted from the provisions of this law.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of HB 2419 would have no fiscal effect on counties. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that passage of the bill could have a fiscal effect on cities in the state, but because it is not known how many cities have conducted an annexation that includes fire district land or how many cities may be anticipating doing so, the League is unable to estimate what the fiscal effect might be.

Sincerely,



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