

February 14, 2017

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson
House Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2247 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2247 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, certain cities, counties and school districts are required to designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official newspaper for publication of certain documents. HB 2247 would allow these governmental entities to publish to an official website instead of a newspaper.

Enactment of HB 2247 would have no fiscal effect on the state. However, the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate the bill could result in a reduction of expenditures for municipalities and counties. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that annual costs for publication in newspapers for cities can range from \$150 to over \$40,000, depending on the city and newspaper. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that counties spent \$1,745,246 in newspaper publishing costs in calendar year 2015, which is the latest data available. Enactment of HB 2247 would reduce expenditures of municipalities and counties, if the required publications were made available online rather than being published in a local newspaper.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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