

February 18, 2013

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 2185 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2185 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2185 would allow the board of county commissioners and the governing body of any city located within the county to adopt a joint resolution providing for the establishment of a consolidation study commission. The commission would prepare a plan for the consolidation of the county and city or cities located in the county, or the consolidation of offices, functions, services and operations. Cities may chose not participate in the consolidation. As an alternative, a petition signed by not less than 10.0 percent of the qualified electors of the county or city requesting a consolidation study commission be established can be presented to the county election officer and the county clerk. This would require a joint resolution to be adopted for the study.

Within 30 days following the appointment of the members, the commission would adopt rules and regulations. It would also prepare a budget, which would have to be approved and funded by the board of county commissioners. The bill outlines the studies, investigations, and public hearing that would have to occur. The final plan with full text and explanations would be distributed for public inspection. It would then be voted on in the next countywide election at least 45 days following the adoption of the plan. The plan must have a majority vote of both the city residents and those who reside outside the corporate limits of the city. HB 2185 lists provisions which would have to be followed to implement the consolidation and covers topics from elections to bonding.

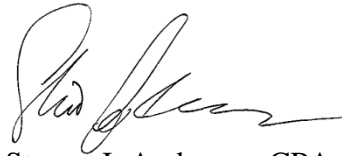
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HB 2185 would have no fiscal effect on the state. The consolidation process would have a fiscal effect on the cities and counties that chose to participate; however, that amount is not known.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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