

February 14, 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 2240 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2240 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2240 would prohibit igniting, firing, or otherwise using an unmanned aerial luminary. Any person violating the provisions of HB 2240 would be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more \$2,500. The provisions in the bill would not apply to the possession or transportation of unmanned aerial luminaries for commercial purposes or for use outside of Kansas. The bill defines “unmanned aerial luminary.”

HB 2240 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the new penalty created by the bill. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. However, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional financial resources. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that it cannot estimate what fiscal effect enactment of HB 2240 would have upon Kansas cities. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2240 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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