

February 3, 2012

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 2544 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2544 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires that two of the following conditions be met in order for property to be defined as abandoned: (1) taxes on the real estate are delinquent for the preceding two years; and (2) the property has been unoccupied continuously for 90 days. HB 2544 would modify the definition by requiring one of two following conditions: (1) taxes are two years delinquent; or (2) the property has been unoccupied for 120 days.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that passage of HB 2544 could have a fiscal effect for cities; however, the League suggests the effect is indeterminate because it is not known how many properties would meet the new abandoned property definition in the bill or how many individuals might take actions against cities under the new definition. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2544 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities