March 13, 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 2776 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2776 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2776 would prohibit the State Fire Marshal from adopting the 2006 International Fire Code except for certain sections.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal estimates that additional, one-time expenditures of $109,286 from the Fire Marshal Fee Fund would be needed for FY 2013 to make technical updates to materials and software and to train agency staff. Itemized costs include $2,968 for updates to materials and inspection computer program; $6,000 for staff time and fees for updating and publishing rules and regulations; $5,978 for staff time and travel related to an out-of-state train the trainer course; $65,960 for staff time and expenses for a six-day training course in Salina for 24 Fire Marshal staff (includes $19,500 for overtime that could result from the course and time spent by staff to catch-up on missed inspections); $9,448 for training of local fire departments; $14,948 for training of facilities; and $3,984 for training of Regents inspectors.
Local governments and the state could incur costs related to sending staff to training. Also, it is possible that some state agencies could see savings as a result of not having to make building improvements that the agencies might otherwise have had to make under the 2006 International Fire Code. No specific estimates to either costs or savings can be developed. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2776 is not reflected in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Becky Bahr, Fire Marshal’s Office