January 24, 2011

The Honorable Roger Reitz, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Reitz:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 40 by Senator Reitz

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 40 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Contracts for the expenditure of more than $25,000 of county monies on public infrastructure such as buildings, highways, and dams, must be awarded to the lowest and best bidder.  SB 40 would exclude from this requirement the expenditure of county funds to repair buildings when an emergency based on public health, safety, and welfare is declared by the board of county commissioners.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of SB 40 could have a fiscal effect on affected counties by causing them to pay more for building repairs since they would not be letting bids.  However, the Association is unable to estimate what this effect might be.  There would be no fiscal effect on state government.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties