

February 10, 2017

The Honorable Keith Esau, Chairperson  
House Committee on Elections  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Esau:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2251 by Representative Ousley

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2251 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2251 would amend existing law concerning elections to establish the requirements for manual audits of votes cast in an election. In addition, the bill would change the statutory date upon which the county election officer must present the records of the election to the county board of canvassers for the purpose of a canvass to a business day not later than 13 days following an election, with the option for a county election official to extend that period by four days. The bill would require the time and place of the canvass to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county prior to the canvass. The bill also would prohibit the board of county commissioners in any county from purchasing, leasing or renting any voting system unless that system provides a paper record of the vote and has the ability to be tested both before an election and prior to the date of canvass.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of HB 2251 would likely increase expenditures for county governments as it would require them to hire workers and purchase supplies in order to conduct manual audits. In addition, there could be extra costs associated with printing paper ballots; however, the Association is unable to estimate what the total costs would be.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties