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The Honorable Kent Thompson, Chairperson House Committee on Local Government Statehouse, Room 187C-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2232 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2232 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2232 would amend existing law to limit the number of signatures needed on a petition for a proposed ordinance in cities of the first class.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that enactment of HB 2232 would cause additional costs for cities in Kansas as it expands the use of initiative and referendum at the city levels and lowers the number of signatures required to force an election.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of HB 2232 could increase the costs associated with proposed ordinances, as the potential for more elections increases as the signature requirement decreases, even for proposals that have a limited sphere of support.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities