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The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson
House Committee on Local Government
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

    SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2495 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2495 is respectfully submitted to your committee.
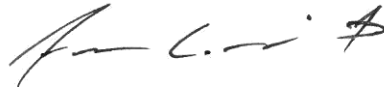
HB 2495 would authorize counties to adopt resolutions to regulate activities on or within navigable rivers to protect health, safety, and welfare. The bill would define "body of water" to include certain dried channels, add navigable rivers to the crime of criminal trespass, and make technical amendments.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) indicates the enactment of the bill could increase expenditures to prohibit public access or to remove boat ramps constructed by KDWP. The agency also indicates that enactment of the bill could increase revenues through future fees and federal funding through cost-share agreements. The Kansas Judicial Branch indicates the enactment of the bill would not have a significant fiscal effect on revenues or expenditures. The Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicate that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on their operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2495 is not reflected in _The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report_.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures for creating regulations and enforcing the new laws. The Association indicates

enactment of the bill could increase county revenues, if counties use the ability to levy taxes on certain real property under certain circumstances.

Sincerely,

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