

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 444 by Senator Sykes

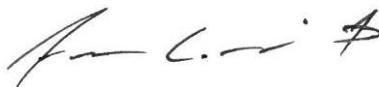
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 444 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 444 would allow the governing body of a city to abate nuisances that involve any violation of building and housing codes materially affecting health and safety (as described in KSA 58-2553, and amendments thereto), on lots or parcels of ground containing a dwelling unit as defined in KSA 58-2543. A city would be able to delegate authority to abate such nuisances to the county in which the dwelling unit was located if the county accepted such authority.

The bill would also add two new exemptions for when a city or county could include a requirement for periodic interior inspections of privately owned residential property for city or county code violations. Inspections conducted pursuant to an administrative warrant, and when there is probable cause of imminent danger related to health and safety on the property and notice is provided that is reasonable under the circumstances would be included.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of SB 444 would have a fiscal effect for counties to the extent that the law was used to do such inspections referenced in the bill and if a city were to delegate authority for abatement to a county. A total fiscal effect for counties cannot be estimated. The League of Kansas Municipalities reports that enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,



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