

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson  
House Committee on Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 165-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2137 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2137 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2137 would clarify that county commissioners and members of a city governing body could serve as a volunteer, in any capacity, for emergency medical services, ambulance services or volunteer as a fire fighter. HB 2137 would also allow members who volunteer to receive usual compensation or other remuneration for their service.

According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, HB 2137 could increase costs for cities because cities may begin compensating volunteers who serve on the governing body if those cities were not already compensating those volunteers. The League notes that costs are typically negligible and costs would be the same for volunteers regardless if they served on the governing body.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, HB 2137 would have no fiscal effect on Kansas Counties. However, the Division of the Budget notes that counties, similar to cities, may begin to compensate volunteers that were previously not compensated and HB 2137 may increase costs for counties as a result. However, as noted by the League of Kansas Municipalities, those costs are estimated to be negligible.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Brock Ingmire, League of Municipalities  
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties