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The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Statehouse, Room 346-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2701 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and

Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2701 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2701 would amend definitions within the Kansas Rural Housing Incentive District Act to specify that for purposes of projects defined in KSA 12-5249(a)(11), within a qualified census track, "city" includes any city with a qualified census tract located within the city and "county" includes any county with a qualified census tract located within the county. A "qualified census tract" would be defined to mean an economically distressed urban area that is a qualified census tract as defined and designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The bill would also amend KSA 12-5249 to specify certain projects under the Act could include those in a business or commercial district within a qualified census tract.

The Department of Commerce reports that the enactment of HB 2701 would not result in any fiscal effect on agency operations. The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of the bill could increase revenue to counties if new housing were developed but the fiscal effect could not be estimated. The League of Kansas Municipalities states there would be a potential fiscal effect on cities, but the League is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

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