

January 29, 2018

The Honorable Bud Estes, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Estes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 298 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 298 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law prohibits cities and counties from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, code, standard or rule that requires the installation of a residential fire protection sprinkler system for any reason, including for the approval of a building permit or plat. SB 298 would repeal this prohibition, thereby allowing cities and counties to require the installation of residential fire protection sprinkler systems.

The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) indicates SB 298 would decrease expenditures for local firefighting services because fire sprinkler systems would reduce the severity of residential fires. However, the KAC indicates that the total fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the League of Kansas Municipalities both indicate that the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 298 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Doug Jorgensen, Fire Marshal
Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties