

January 22, 2019

The Honorable Steven Johnson, Chairperson
House Committee on Taxation
Statehouse, Room 185-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Johnson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2033 by House Committee on Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2033 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, Thomas County is authorized to submit to voters the question of imposing an additional 1.5 percent countywide sales tax to finance the costs of constructing or remodeling the courthouse, jail, law enforcement center facility, or other county administrative facility. HB 2033 would allow Thomas County to submit to voters the question of imposing an additional countywide sales tax at either 1.5 percent or 1.75 percent for this purpose. The countywide sales tax would expire after the costs associated with the project have been paid.

The bill would allow Jackson County the authority to submit to voters the question of imposing an additional countywide sales tax of 0.4 percent to finance the costs of public infrastructure projects that are specified at the election. The additional countywide sales tax would expire after seven years. The bill would also remove outdated sales tax authority language for Jackson County.

The bill would allow Dickinson County the authority to submit to voters the question of imposing an additional countywide sales tax of 0.5 percent to finance the costs of roadway construction and improvement projects that are specified at the election. The additional countywide sales tax would expire after ten years.

The bill would also allow Russell County to submit to voters the question of imposing an additional countywide sales tax at 0.5 percent to finance economic development initiatives and public infrastructure projects. The additional countywide sales tax would expire after ten years.

The Department of Revenue indicates that the local sales tax authority provisions of the bill would affect only local sales tax collections in Thomas County, Jackson County, Dickinson County, and Russell County and would have no fiscal effect on state revenues. The Department indicates that the administrative costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities
Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue