

February 20, 2019

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson  
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2314 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2314 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2314 would amend the definition of “abandoned property,” “blighting influence,” and “organization” as those terms relate to the rehabilitation of abandoned property. The bill would allow cities to petition district courts for an order of temporary possession of a property if the property meets certain criteria. The bill would also provide information necessary for cities to include in a petition to the court and other rules and procedures.

The Judicial Branch estimates enactment of HB 2314 would increase the amount time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel to process, research and hear cases because the bill would allow additional petitions to be sent to courts. The Kansas League of Municipalities indicates enactment of HB 2314 would reduce city expenditures relating to providing notification to certain property owners concerning blighting issues. However, the League cannot estimate the fiscal effect of the bill because the number of blighting issues, and expenditures that are related to those issues, are unknown and spread across all Kansas cities. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2314 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary  
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