

February 15, 2024

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

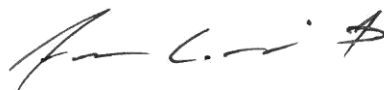
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2720 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2720 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2720 would amend the Kansas Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The bill would add beekeepers, who meet certain requirements to sell packaged honey and honeycombs, to be exempted from obtaining a food establishment or food processing plant license.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that up to 25 food processing licenses would be exempted with the enactment of the bill. Each license fee currently costs \$150 which would reduce revenue to the Food Safety and Lodging Program's fee fund by \$3,750 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026. The agency notes that the loss of revenue would not cover the costs for beekeeper inspections on a complaint basis, routine beekeeper inspections occurring every 18 months, or honey or honeycomb related illness or outbreaks. The revenue generated by the current fee is designed only to cover expenses to provide this service. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2720 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture