

March 11, 2022

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Statehouse, Room 144-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

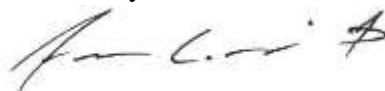
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 548 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 548 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a groundwater management district has the power to provide advice and assistance in the management of drainage problems, storage, groundwater recharge, surface water management, and all other appropriate matters of concern to the district. SB 548 would prohibit advice and assistance for matters relating to water rights. Also under current law, the groundwater management district has the power to recommend to the chief engineer rules and regulations that relate to the conservation and management of groundwater within the district. SB 548 would stipulate that the recommendations for groundwater would be used specifically for irrigation within the district.

The Kansas Water Office indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the bill could have a negligible fiscal effect on cities as the bill could speed up some processes related to groundwater management. The Kansas Association of Counties states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Debra Jones, Water Office  
Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities  
Jay Hall, Association of Counties