

January 31, 2012

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Powell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2502 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2502 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2502 would amend current law regarding the procedures a county would use to grant permission to establish swine production facilities. A board of county commissioners, by resolution, could permit a swine production facility to be established within the local county. The resolution would have to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. The resolution would take effect 60 days after the final newspaper publication, unless a valid petition in opposition to the facility is filed.

If, within 60 days of the final newspaper publication of the resolution, a valid protest petition to submit the resolution to the qualified voters of the county is signed by at least 10 percent of the electors of the county who voted for the office of the Secretary of State in the last preceding general election, the question of whether a swine production facility should be allowed would appear on the ballot at the next countywide election.

If the board of county commissioners receives a filed petition to permit a swine production facility, the board would submit a proposition to the qualified electors of the county. The petition must be filed with the county election office and be signed by at least 10 percent of qualified electors who voted for the office of the Secretary of State at the last preceding general election. The bill would also include the specific language that needs to appear on any petition or ballot, and procedures for conducting the elections.

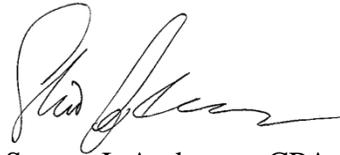
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The Department of Agriculture indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency because any costs associated with the new procedures would be borne by counties. The counties' costs would encompass the cost to publish notices and add a question to the next county-wide election.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture
Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities