

January 24, 2012

The Honorable Mark Taddiken, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Taddiken:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 289 by Senate Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 289 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 289 would clarify that the Board of Veterinary Examiners has the authority to inspect and audit licensee compliance with current existing minimum standards of veterinary practice. In addition, the bill would establish a new fee for the inspection and audit of the records and veterinarian standards of practice of at least \$50 but not more than \$150 per licensee who is not currently covered by a facility inspection.

The bill would allow the Board to assess the qualifications of veterinarian technician applicants. Current law allows the board to register veterinary technicians, but not explicitly examine their qualifications as applicants.

In addition, the bill would add a licensed veterinarian entering into a diversion agreement in lieu of a conviction of a felony as a basis for the Board seeking a sanction against a veterinarian. Current law allows only the actual conviction of a felony as a basis for seeking a sanction. In addition, the bill would clarify the Board's authority to assess a fine not in excess of \$5,000 against a licensee for each of the causes for which the Board seeks a sanction.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	\$500	\$5,000
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

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According to the Board, the new fee for inspection and audit of records and veterinary standards of practice would affect approximately 100 licensed veterinarians who are not currently associated with a veterinary facility. The Board would anticipate initially setting the fee at \$50. As a result, enactment of SB 289 would increase revenues to the state by approximately \$5,000 (100 veterinarians X \$50) of which 90.0 percent would be deposited in the agency's fee fund and the rest in the State General Fund. The other provisions of the bill would have no fiscal effect if SB 289 were enacted. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 289 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Dirk Hanson, Veterinary Examiners