

January 26, 2015

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

Dear Representative Schwartz:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2069 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2069 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2069 would make two changes to current law regarding multi-year flex accounts (MYFA) administered through the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The MYFA is authorized by a five-year term permit. First, the bill would allow the holder of a MYFA to make a small adjustment in the place of use. Current law excludes any change to a term permit. Second, the bill would allow the user to roll any unused water that is less than or equal to the one-year calculation of a MYFA quantity into the next MYFA if the owner would choose to re-enroll. This one-year quantity would be capped, and not allowed to exceed five times the authorized quantity of the base water right.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that the passage of HB 2069 could result in additional enrollees because of the increased flexibility of the program; however, the Department is unable to estimate any increase in revenue or expenditures at this time.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture