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The Honorable Tom Sloan, Chairperson
House Committee on Water and Environment
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sloan:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2691 by House Committee on Water and Environment

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2691 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2691 would amend existing law concerning the Division of Water Resources of the Kansas Department of Agriculture and notification requirements for multi-year flex accounts and water right applications. Current law requires an application for a multi-year flex account to be filed with the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources on or before October 1 of the first year of the multi-year flex account term for which the application is being made. HB 2691 would change that date to December 31. With regard to changes in water rights, current law requires notification of all water right owners with a point of diversion within one half mile, or further if deemed necessary by a rule and regulation of the Chief Engineer, of a water right pending request or application pursuant to those specified in the bill. In the case of a notice that relates to surface water, HB 2691 would require the Division to notify landowners within one half mile.

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, enactment of HB 2691 could result in a slight reduction to agency expenditures for printing, office supplies, postage and staff time, but the fiscal effect on the agency's budget is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2691 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture