

January 17, 2024

The Honorable Virgil Peck, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Peck:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 331 by Senator Kerschen

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 331 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

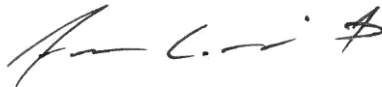
SB 331 would remove the definition of “lead-free” from KSA 65-171r, as well as certain exceptions within the statutory requirements for the use of lead-free pipes and plumbing. In addition, statutory references to “small quantity generator” would be replaced with a more detailed definition that would specify this would mean less than the amounts specified in KSA 65-3451(a) and (b)(3). The bill would also make clarifications to what is and is not included in “construction and demolition waste.”

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that SB 331 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. The agency reports the bill provides consistency with federal and state requirements. The League of Kansas Municipalities reports that cities could see increased costs associated with the redefining of lead-free and the removal of the exception for leaded joints from the public water supply system laws due to cities requirement to remove and replace leaded joints from the public water system.

The Kansas Association of Counties reports that generally, counties do not handle public water systems so the bill provisions in this area would not have an impact on counties. Because counties do manage solid waste, the bill could have some impact on solid waste management, but a fiscal effect could not be estimated. There are grants available to counties for implementation

of programs for collection of hazardous waste, which could potentially offset any costs should a county qualify for and receive such a grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties