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MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Teichman at 8:30 a.m. on January 25, 2012 in Room 159-S of the Capitol. She welcomed Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders to the meeting.

All members were present except:
Senator Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:
David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Abigail Boudewyns, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Judy Seitz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Dirk Hanson, DVM, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners
Gary Reser, Executive Vice President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA)

Others attending:
See attached list.

Vice Chair Teichman opened the hearing on **SB 289 – Amending the veterinary practice act.**

David Wiese, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed **SB 289.**

Dirk Hanson, DVM, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners testified in support of **SB 289.** (Attachment 1) He said this bill clarifies that the Board of Veterinary Examiners has the authority to inspect and audit licensee compliance with current existing minimum standards of veterinary practice. It also establishes a new fee for the inspection and audit. The fee is at least \$50 and no more than \$150 per licensee. Dr. Hanson also said that this bill allows the Board to assess the qualifications of veterinarian technician applicants, gives the Board the ability to seek a sanction against a licensed veterinarian entering into a diversion agreement in lieu of a conviction of a felony and clarifies the Board's authority to assess a fine. Dr. Hanson took questions from the Committee.

Chairman Taddiken joined the meeting.

Gary Reser, Executive Vice President, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association (KVMA), appeared in support of **SB 289.** (Attachment 2) He said the KVMA has reviewed the changes in the Act and supports the bill in its entirety. Mr. Reser also said the amendments to the Act are a result of housekeeping, updating and practicality demands.

Chairman Taddiken said the hearing on **SB 289** is closed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Agriculture Committee at 8:30 a.m. on January 25, 2012 in Room 159-S of the Capitol.

Bill Introduction

Senator Taddiken made a motion to introduce a bill concerning soil erosion caused by wind and the duties of county commissioners when complaints are filed. Motion seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Motion carried.

Discussion began on **SB 272 – Water rights; multi-flex accounts; application for division of water right; fee.** Chairman Taddidken said that further discussion about the language in Section 1 is needed between the agency and the stakeholders before it is ready to move forward. Senator Bruce made a motion to remove Section 1, seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

David Barfield, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture reviewed proposed amendments to **SB 272** (Attachment 3) Senator Abrams made a motion to add after the word “term” “except when the term permit may be no longer exercised because of an order of the chief engineer” to page 2, line 21, seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Motion carried.

Senator Ostmeyer moved the addition of “500% of” on page 3, line 27 (ii) at the beginning of that line, seconded by Senator Teichman.

Senator King made a substitute motion to also add the word “annual” in front of “net irrigation” on page 3, line 27 as well as the addition of “500% of” on page 3, line 27 (ii) at the beginning of that line. The substitute motion was seconded by Senator Ostmeyer. Substitute motion carried.

Senator Abrams moved to strike the word “the” term permit and adding “a” on page 4, line 24. Motion seconded by Senator Teichman. Motion carried.

Chairman Taddiken said that work on **SB 272** will be continued at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.