

February 28, 2017

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 162 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 162 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 162 would add nonhuman primates and non-hybrid wolves to the list of dangerous regulated animals and would make it unlawful to come in to direct contact with any dangerous regulated animal. SB 162 would also make it unlawful to possess, slaughter, sell, purchase or otherwise acquire a live dangerous animal; however, the bill would allow individuals and organizations that are currently in possession of a live dangerous animal to retain possession if they comply with provisions in the bill. The bill would also require sufficient distance and protective barriers to be in place when dangerous animals are around the public. The bill also makes changes to how and when reports would be made concerning potential exposure to rabies or other zoonotic diseases, how dangerous animals would be caged and displayed by individuals and organizations not based in the state that hold certain licenses issued under the animal welfare act.

The Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism indicates enactment of the bill would require that Department to develop training and regulation material; however, the Department cannot estimate the fiscal effect of developing those materials. The Kansas Association of Counties and the Kansas League of Municipalities indicate the bill would affect Kansas counties and cities. Both organizations indicate enactment of the bill could increase expenditures for local animal control authorities; however, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 162 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Brock Ingmire, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
Jay Hedrick, Veterinary Examiners
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