

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Statehouse, Room 112-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

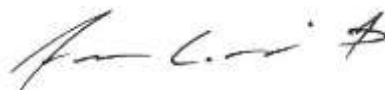
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2523 by Representative Highland

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2523 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2523 concerns the Board of Veterinary Examiners and the regulation of licensed veterinarians and registered veterinarian technicians when conducting investigative and disciplinary proceedings and assessing penalties and fees resulting from those proceedings. The bill would redefine and add statutory definitions and requirements for investigative and disciplinary proceedings and would allow the Board to assess fees to recover the actual costs of the proceedings which would be deposited in the Veterinary Examiners Fee Fund. The bill also makes technical changes to the Kansas Veterinary Practice Act.

The Board of Veterinary Examiners states that the new fees allowed under the provisions of HB 2523 would be limited to additional costs resulting from performing investigatory and disciplinary hearings. Therefore, any increase in fee revenue would be directly offset by an increase in expenditures. Because the number and complexity of these proceedings cannot be estimated, the agency cannot estimate a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2523 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Olson, Veterinary Examiners