

February 5, 2024

The Honorable Jim Minnix, Chairperson
House Committee on Water
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Minnix:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2634 by House Committee on Water

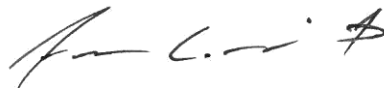
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2634 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2634 would amend current law pertaining to groundwater management districts. The bill would provide additional corrective controls to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Agriculture to consider when issuing orders of designations for local enhance management areas and intensive groundwater use control areas.

The Kansas Water Office indicates that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The Department of Agriculture estimates that the enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the agency. The agency notes that the bill could reduce the number of applications for multi-year flex accounts associated with groundwater management, which could decrease the revenue to that program; however, the potential revenue reduction would be offset by other funding sources for program expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2634 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that a fiscal effect cannot be estimated with the enactment of the bill. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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