

February 24, 2011

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Statehouse, Room 149-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Powell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2109 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

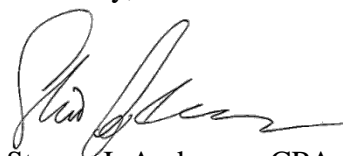
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2109 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2109 would establish the Kansas Dam Rehabilitation Program as part of the State Conservation Commission (SCC) and would create the Kansas Dam Rehabilitation Cost Share Fund. The Program would be subject to appropriation and be administered by the SCC through consultation with the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources of the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

The State Conservation Commission indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect for FY 2012 as the Commission would utilize existing staff to draft rules and regulations for the Program. In FY 2013, however, the Commission estimates increased expenditures of \$100,000 and, if approved by the Kansas Water Authority, the funding would be requested from the State Water Plan Fund.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that passage of the bill would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$3,400 for each application processed and would generate \$200 in Water Structures Fee Fund revenue for each application for the program in FY 2012. The staff time associated with the program would be equivalent to one half-time FTE position. The Department does not know how many applications would be received, but assumes the number would be small. The Department states that HB 2109 could benefit local governments that have dams in need of rehabilitation. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of HB 2109 is not included in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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