

March 2, 2011

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

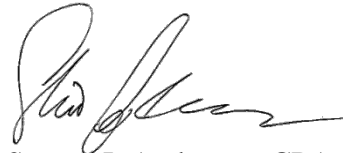
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 214 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 214 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 214 would redefine "person" in the Groundwater Management District Act to clarify that a person means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, government, governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality, public corporation, or any other legal or commercial organization. The bill would also add a technical correction related to grammar.

The bill would have no fiscal effect for the Kansas Association of Counties or the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture states that the change in definition could increase the number of organizations assessed water user charges collected by districts; however, it is assumed that any additional organizations would currently be assessed water user charges through property taxes so the bill should not increase groundwater management district revenues.

Sincerely,



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