February 15, 2013

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2292 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2292 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2292 would allow owners of farmland who conduct agricultural activities on their land to expand the scope of agricultural activities without losing protection from nuisance complaints. The expansion could include: increasing the acreage, increasing the number of animal units, or changing the type of agricultural activities. Any expansion must be in compliance with all applicable county, state, and federal environmental codes, resolutions, law, rules, and regulations. The bill would also allow for the transfer of protection to any successor and could not be waived by temporarily ceasing or decreasing the scope of agricultural activity. HB 2292 would clarify that agricultural activity would include activities related to the handling, storage, and transportation of agricultural commodities.

The passage of HB 2292 would have no fiscal effect for the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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