January 28, 2014

The Honorable Garrett Love, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Love:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 286 by Senate Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 286 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 286 would extend the sunset date on certain Department of Agriculture fee funds from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2019. The three fees affected by the bill are in the following programs: Dairy, Pesticide, and Water Appropriations. The bill would also clarify that dairy operations producing and processing milk on a farm are exempt from paying raw milk processing fees. The current statute related to milk processing was established prior to the development of on-farm processing facilities.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect in either FY 2014 or FY 2015. The Department estimates that beginning in FY 2016, fee revenue would decrease by $771,709 if the sunset dates are not extended.

Sincerely,

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Interim Director of the Budget

cc:  Mark Heim, Agriculture