

January 24, 2013

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources  
Statehouse, Room 237-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Powell:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 43 by Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 43 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 43 would require the Kansas Water Office to develop a comprehensive plan to increase water storage in Kansas reservoirs through dredging; employing streambank stabilization to reduce sedimentation in watersheds above water supply reservoirs; assuring future water storage in Kansas reservoirs; and financing each improvement project in the plan. The bill would require that the first dredging project to be implemented would be at John Redmond reservoir. The Kansas Water Office would be required to submit the comprehensive plan to the Legislature by December 1, 2013.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$275,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Kansas Water Office indicates that a portion of the development of the comprehensive plan described in the bill could be accomplished with existing resources and staff. The agency; however, estimates that it would cost approximately \$275,000 from agency fee funds for private sector expertise regarding engineering and design components necessary to complete the John Redmond dredging portion of the plan. As the bill would require the submittal of a comprehensive plan on or before December 1, 2013, the bill does not affect expenditures in future years; however, implementation of the comprehensive plan, if adopted, would have a fiscal effect in future years. The future fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the comprehensive plan is completed.

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The Kansas Department of Agriculture does not anticipate a fiscal effect from the passage of SB 43. The language in the bill does not speak to the Department of Agriculture, however; it is expected that staff from the Water Structures program and Watershed Dam program would have input into the development and preparation of the plan. This would require staff time, but no material costs are expected at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 43 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Metzger, Water Office  
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