Brief*

SB 286 would extend the sunset from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2019, on various fees that are currently charged by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). In addition, the bill would add two fee exemptions for milk processors that process or manufacture milk at the dairy where the milk is produced. The bill also would make a technical change to an existing statute.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Agriculture at the request of the KDA. At the Senate Committee hearing on the bill, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture provided proponent testimony, stating the bill does not add any new fees. Representatives of the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, Kansas Cooperative Council, Kansas Dairy Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, and the Kansas Grain & Feed Association provided testimony in favor of the bill.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget states the bill would have no fiscal impact on KDA operations in FY 2014 or FY 2015. The KDA estimates that beginning in FY 2016, fee revenue would decrease by $771,709 if the sunset dates are not extended.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.kslegislature.org