

February 9, 2016

The Honorable Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwartz:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2514 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2514 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2514 would amend the Kansas Pet Animal Act to include pet animal rescue networks, as defined by the bill. These networks would be licensed by the Animal Health Commissioner of the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), who would establish rules and regulations concerning the operation, registration, and recordkeeping of the organizations. The bill would allow these networks and any other licensed animal shelter to make use of pet animal foster homes, and rescue networks, rescue managers, and pet animal foster homes would be included in existing law concerning animal shelters. Rescue networks would be required to pay an annual fee of \$10 to the KDA for each pet animal foster home. The bill would increase the number of members of the Pet Animal Advisory Board to eleven and include one licensed rescue network manager. In addition, the bill would add to the definition of “adequate veterinary medical care” that the veterinarian of record for any licensed animal shelter or rescue network could authorize adoption or transfer of a non-symptomatic cat with feline immunodeficiency virus as long as the cat was symptom free. The bill also makes a number of technical changes.

According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, passage of HB 2514 could have a fiscal effect on cities in Kansas because of the need to locally license and inspect the facilities and pet care foster homes. However, the League has no way to estimate the number of facilities or the additional costs. The Kansas Association of Counties indicated that passage of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on Kansas counties.

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The Kansas Department of Agriculture reports that passage of HB 2514 would have no fiscal effect on its budget. The \$10 annual fee for each pet animal foster home already exists in agency regulations; passage of the bill would put it into statute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture
Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties