

March 11, 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 2712 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2712 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2712 would amend current law concerning fees for standardizing weights and measures. The bill would change the Metrology Lab pricing structure from a per hour basis to a per piece basis. In addition, the bill would increase the service company license application fee by \$10 in FY 2018, FY 2020, FY 2022, and FY 2024. The license renewal fee would be the same as the license application fee. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) to issue a three-year license for a technical representative of a service company who has been continuously licensed for ten years and authorize the KDA to charge a fee to attendees of continuing education seminars sponsored by the Department.

According to the KDA, passage of HB 2712 would increase revenue to the agency's Weights and Measures Fee Fund by approximately \$29,650 in FY 2017. The agency indicates that the change to the Metrology Lab pricing structure will provide incentive to increase laboratory efficiency, which could result in increased revenues. The increases to the service company license applications and renewal fees would be expected to cover the majority of the costs associated with processing applications and renewals and allow the Metrology Lab to become nearly self-sustaining. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2712 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture