

February 6, 2015

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 125 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 125 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 125 would amend radiation statutes to allow for the burial of waste containing naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) and technically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) in Kansas landfills. The regulation of landfills is administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Currently there is a prohibition on the burial of all low-level radioactive waste which includes NORM, regardless of the concentration of the radioactive isotopes. The bill would also modify the definition of low-level radioactive waste to omit NORM and TENORM. The levels of NORM and TENORM that would be acceptable for burial in Kansas will be established through regulations.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that the passage of SB 125 would have not fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE