January 25, 2017

The Honorable Tom Sloan, Chairperson
House Committee on Water and Environment
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Sloan:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2066 by House Committee on Water and Environment

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2066 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, when a rural water district is required to relocate lines located on a state highway right-of-way in response to a transportation project, the Kansas Department of Transportation must reimburse the district for the costs of the relocation. HB 2066 would include any public wholesale water supply district in the requirement for KDOT reimbursement when lines must be relocated.

According to the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Corporation Commission, passage of HB 2066 would have no fiscal effect on their budgets. The Kansas Department of Transportation states that passage of the bill could result in additional expenditures from the State Highway Fund. However, the agency is unable to determine how many public wholesale water supply districts fit the requirements for reimbursement in HB 2066, or how many of those districts might be affected, so it is unable to estimate what the expense might be. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2066 is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Green, KCC
    Ginger Harper, Water Office
    Ben Cleeves, Transportation