February 8, 2018

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 364 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 364 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 364 would prohibit the ownership, acquisition, or lease by entities specified in the bill of any agricultural land in the state for the purpose of establishing a poultry confinement facility unless that land is located in a county that has voted to permit such a facility. The bill provides the means by which a county could approve or deny the facility through a resolution, petition and election. The definition of a “poultry confinement facility” in current law would be changed to exclude any facility that produces fewer than 100,000 broiler chickens or 25,000 brooding hens per year. The bill would exempt poultry confinement facilities established prior to July 1, 2018, or on or after July 1, 2018, if a county has voted to approve the facility. The bill also makes a number of technical corrections.

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, enactment of SB 364 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The Kansas Association of Counties reports that there would be a fiscal effect for counties because the bill gives additional responsibilities to approve or disapprove the establishment of poultry processing and slaughter facilities and enforcement of the bill. The fiscal effect cannot be estimated, but the Association indicates that county governments would anticipate some increase to their workload.

Sincerely,

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