

February 18, 2019

The Honorable Ron Highland, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Statehouse, Room 458-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Highland:

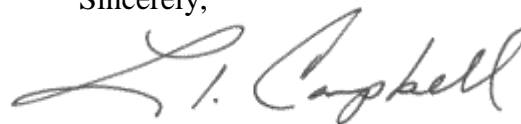
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2271 by House Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2271 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2271 would amend existing law concerning livestock running at large to change all references to a county sheriff to a law enforcement officer. The bill would allow a law enforcement officer to issue a notice to appear to an owner of livestock upon a third violation within a 30-day period, if the owner has been issued a written warning within that period. Any owner who commits a third or subsequent violation within a 30-day period would be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and pay a fine of not more than \$50 for the first conviction and not more than \$150 for each subsequent conviction. If livestock running at large remains on a highway and the owner cannot be contacted or fails to take custody of the livestock within a reasonable time, a law enforcement officer may take the livestock to be retained in a secure holding area.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of HB 2271 would have a minimal effect on Kansas counties, provided that a county is not expected to continue to house livestock seized by other agencies without proper reimbursement.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture  
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Jay Hall, Association of Counties