January 27, 2020

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

Dear Representative Highland:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2451 by House Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2451 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires livestock market operators, owners or operators of electronic auctions, feedlot owners or operators, livestock dealers and persons possessing domesticated deer permits to pay annual license fees on or before June 30. HB 2451 would change that date in all cases to September 30. Current law also authorizes the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) Animal Health Commissioner to provide official calfhood vaccination tags and charge a processing fee of no more than $0.25 per tag. HB 2451 would allow the Commissioner to require reimbursement for the actual cost of the tag and determine a processing fee annually through the rules and regulations process.

According to the KDA, the current cost of the tags is $1.50 each. The agency also incurs a cost of $0.15 per tag for shipping. Enactment of the bill would allow the agency to recover the cost of the tag and to include an administrative fee for shipping and handling charges in the applicable rules and regulations. This would result in additional revenue to the Animal Disease Control Fund of $6,105 annually ($1.50 per tag + $0.15 shipping X 3,700 tags = $6,105). Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2451 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc:  Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture