

January 26, 2016

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 337 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 337 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law places a limit on the civil penalty that can be imposed on the owner of a water right or permit who fails to timely file a water use report or other required documents. SB 337 would increase that limit to \$1,000.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2016 SGF	FY 2016 All Funds	FY 2017 SGF	FY 2017 All Funds
Revenue	--	\$7,500	--	\$7,500
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, there are approximately ten cases each year where an owner of a water right or permit does not file annual water use reports by June 1 of the calendar year in which the reports were due. These owners do, however, pay the current \$250 fine each year. Increasing the penalty to \$1,000 would initially result in additional annual revenue for the agency of \$7,500. The agency anticipates that the number of cases will decline over time due to the higher penalty. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 337 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture