

January 31, 2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 65 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

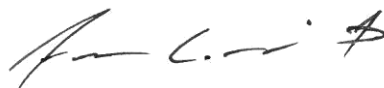
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 65 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 65 would amend current law in pertaining to the election of members of the board of directors of irrigation districts. Current law states that members of the board can serve a two-year or four-year term. The bill would amend the terms of office of board members to include a three-year term, if established by the board of directors by passage of a resolution. Additionally, the bill would allow boards to adopt a procedure listed in current law for election by mail ballot for boards of a district of more than 35,000 acres. The bill would prevent certain requirements regarding the election process from applying to elections at annual meetings and elections by mail ballot.

The Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Water Office indicate that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the enactment of the bill could create some cost savings for counties from the utilization of mail ballots as opposed to in-person voting. However, a precise fiscal effect could not be estimated.

Sincerely,



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