

February 7, 2025

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

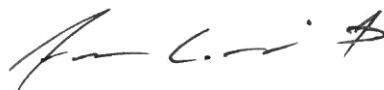
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2158 by Representative Schmoe

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2158 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2158 would amend the Kansas Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The bill would add beekeepers, who meet certain requirements to sell packaged honey and honeycombs, to be exempted from obtaining a food establishment or food processing plant license.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that up to 37 food processing licenses would be exempted with the enactment of the bill. Each license fee currently costs \$150 which would reduce revenue to the Food Safety and Lodging Program's fee fund by \$5,550 in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 (37 licenses x \$150). The agency notes that the loss of revenue would result in the agency not being able to cover the costs for beekeeper inspections on a complaint basis, routine beekeeper inspections occurring every 18 months, or honey or honeycomb related illness or outbreaks. The revenue generated by the current fee is designed only to cover expenses to provide this service. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2158 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture