

February 8, 2011

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Powell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2099 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2099 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2099 would establish a seven-member Kansas Goat Council. The Council would consist of seven members elected at the annual meeting of the Kansas Meat Goat Association. Terms would be four years long, and no member could serve more than one consecutive term. Each member must be a Kansas resident and also have been an active producer in the state for a minimum of five years. The Dean of the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University and the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture would serve as *ex officio* nonvoting members of the Council.

All members of the Council would serve to increase market development; find new markets for goats and their meat products; to accept grants and donations; and to appoint an administrator knowledgeable about the goat industry and set the administrator's salary. The Council would establish an annual budget and establish a revenue stream based on a maximum 50 cent per head fee for each sale transaction or each slaughter transaction imposed at the time of delivery of the goat to the purchaser. The Council would be required to keep complete records of all transactions and be subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that at four meetings per year, travel-related costs for the Secretary would be approximately \$795 per year and would be expended from the agency's existing State General Fund appropriation; therefore expenditures budgeted for FY 2012 would not be increased. How much income would be generated by the 50 cent per head fee is not known. For purposes of this fiscal note, the Division of the Budget assumes the intent of the bill is that the Council would exist outside of state government, in a manner similar to the

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Kansas Wheat Commission. Whatever income is generated would be available for the Council to use for the purposes outlined in the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture