

February 22, 2011

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources  
Statehouse, Room 225-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

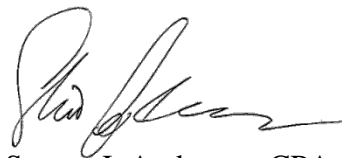
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 187 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 187 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 187 would amend the Water Banking Act to allow for a water bank charter to be extended permanently and would require the charters to be reviewed by the Kansas Department of Agriculture at least once every five years.

The bill would have no fiscal effect on the Biological Survey of the University of Kansas or the Kansas Water Office. The Kansas Department of Agriculture indicates that staff spend approximately 50 hours per year on Water Banking Act duties at a cost of \$1,800, including \$1,000 from the State General Fund and \$800 from agency fee funds. The Department indicates that implementation of the bill could be accomplished within existing resources and staff positions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dawn Palmberg, Water Office  
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