

February 21, 2012

The Honorable Mark Taddiken, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Statehouse, Room 223-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Taddiken:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 414 by Senate Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 414 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 414 would amend current law regarding animal health, update statutes to reflect changes in terminology related to the transfer of the Animal Health Department to the Department of Agriculture, update definitions, and add new species of animals to which changes in definitions would apply.

The bill would amend the livestock auction market sections to allow bond equivalents. This would make Kansas law consistent with the federal Packers and Stockyards Act. The bill would also prohibit deceptive practices in running a public livestock market and would give the Commissioner the authority to suspend activities at a public livestock market under certain conditions. The bill would also adjust the fine level for misdemeanor crimes to be consistent with other similarly classified misdemeanors.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that SB 414 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture  
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary