

February 11, 2013

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

Dear Representative Schwartz:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2121 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2121 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2121 would place spacing requirements in three parts of the Water Appropriations Act administered by the Kansas Department of Agriculture: permit applications to appropriate water; applications to change the place of use and/or the point of diversion of a water right; and applications to change the standards of approval for permits. The bill would require that for any application made after June 30, 2013, any new well or changed point of diversion must be at least 500 feet from an adjacent property that is owned by another property owner, unless the owner of the adjacent property would formally waive the requirement.

The Department of Agriculture indicates that the additional spacing requirements in HB 2121 would become part of existing application processes. The fiscal effect of the bill, therefore, would be negligible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture