

March 19, 2013

The Honorable Dennis Hedke, Chairperson
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hedke:

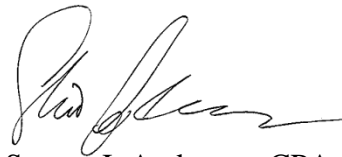
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2365 by House Committee on Energy and Environment

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2365 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2365 would amend current law regarding watershed districts and conservation easements. The bill would eliminate the following provisions: the authority of a watershed district to assign its right in a conservation easement to a third party; the provision that allows for an easement to exist indefinitely; and the authority of a watershed district to grant new conservation easements to third parties, except for easements to buffer military installations.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that because HB 2365 would directly affect watershed districts, it is not possible to calculate any fiscal effect the bill would have on counties. Passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture
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