

February 13, 2014

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

Dear Representative Schwartz:

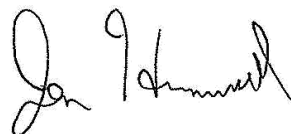
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2549 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2549 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2549 would facilitate remediation projects at facilities where widespread contamination of soil, sediment, and debris exist. The bill would allow contaminated waste that meets the definition of hazardous waste to be consolidated and buried on-site, rather than being disposed of at off-site hazardous waste landfills. HB 2549 includes a new exemption to the statutory prohibition on hazardous waste burial that would allow for the on-site waste consolidation that is allowed by federal law.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicates that cleanup projects often take place at abandoned industrial facilities where there are no responsible parties to pay for the cleanup. Passage of the bill would not directly affect state revenue; however, it could reduce expenditures for state and local governments, or other parties responsible for cleanup projects. Allowing for the on-site burial of contaminated waste instead of off-site disposal would reduce expenditures. The bill would have no fiscal effect on KDHE.

Sincerely,



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cc: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE