

February 15, 2013

The Honorable Garrett Love, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Love:

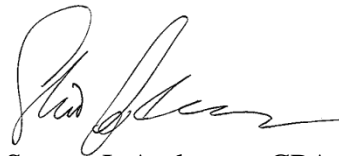
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 168 by Senate Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 168 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 168 would allow owners of farmland who conduct agricultural activities on their land to expand the scope of agricultural activities without losing protection from nuisance complaints. The expansion could include: increasing the acreage, increasing the number of animal units, or changing the type of agricultural activities. Any expansion must be in compliance with all applicable county, state, and federal environmental codes, resolutions, law, rules, and regulations. The bill would also allow for the transfer of protection to any successor and could not be waived by temporarily ceasing or decreasing the scope of agricultural activity. SB 168 would clarify that agricultural activity would include activities related to the handling, storage, and transportation of agricultural commodities.

The passage of SB 168 would have no fiscal effect for the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture
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