

February 6, 2014

The Honorable Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Masterson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 278 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 278 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 278 would move the Board of Veterinary Examiners within the Division of Animal Health in the Department of Agriculture from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. The Department would provide all administrative services for the Board, including fiscal, information technology, human resources, legal, facilities, and procurement services. The bill would suspend the State General Fund from receiving 10.0 percent of receipts from the Veterinary Examiners Fee Fund during FY 2015 and FY 2016.

Finally, the bill would authorize the Executive Director of the Board to be jointly appointed by the Board and the Animal Health Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture. Any conflict in appointing a director would be resolved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Executive Director and the Animal Health Commissioner would make all other hires of professional and administrative staff, utilizing the hiring procedures of the Department of Agriculture. All employees of the Board would be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and would retain all vested and accrued benefits. The Secretary of Agriculture would approve all rules and regulations made by the Board.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds	FY 2015 SGF	FY 2015 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	(\$26,000)	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

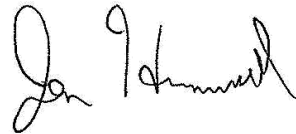
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Enactment of SB278 would result in a revenue reduction to the State General Fund of approximately \$26,000 each year in FY 2015 and FY 2016, as the bill would suspend the deposit of 10.0 percent of the Veterinary Examiners Fee Fund revenues to the State General Fund. In addition, the Department indicates that it would utilize \$26,000 from the fee fund to offset its increased costs for administrative services for the Board. However, the Division of the Budget notes that SB 278 does not change the expenditure limitation for the Veterinary Examiner's Fee Fund and amounts included in the above table do not reflect the additional anticipated expenditures of \$26,000. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 278 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Hummell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture
Cheryl Mermis, Veterinary Examiners