

January 12, 2016

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

Dear Senator Love:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 314 by Senator Kerschen

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 314 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 314 would extend the sunset date for the Local Food and Farm Task Force through FY 2017. In addition, the bill would require that members of the Task Force be paid mileage for attending regular or special meetings.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2016 SGF	FY 2016 All Funds	FY 2017 SGF	FY 2017 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$8,434	\$8,434
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

Existing law requires the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the Kansas Legislative Research Department to provide administrative support for the Task Force. The Department of Agriculture estimates that the expense associated with continuing that support through FY 2017 will be less than \$1,000 from the State General Fund and will be paid from existing resources.

SB 314 would additionally require payment of mileage to members of the Task Force, but does not indicate which agency would be responsible for making those payments. If KDA were made responsible, the agency indicates that its expenditures would increase, but is unable to estimate the amount of the increase as the number of meetings is unknown, as is the distance that individual Task Force members would be required to drive for each meeting. Only three

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members of the Task Force would be paid mileage. The other members are legislators, who receive mileage payments by statute, or state employees, who are able to use state supplied vehicles. However, if those three members lived significant distances from Topeka and Manhattan, and if seven meetings were held annually, as was the case in FY 2015, the cost could reach as much as \$7,500 from the State General Fund (600 miles round trip X 3 members X 7 meetings X \$.59 reimbursement per mile = \$7,434).

Any fiscal effect associated with SB 314 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research