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Division of the Budget

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The Honorable Tom Sloan, Chairperson
House Committee on Water and Environment
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sloan:

      SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2272 by House Committee on Water and Environment

      In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2272 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

      HB 2272 would create the Kansas Water Collaborative which would consist of 15 members drawn from a number of state agencies, university programs, and business and local organizations. The group would be co-directed by the Directors of the Kansas Biological Survey and the Kansas Geological Survey, with the Director of the Kansas Water Office serving as their advisor. The mission of the Collaborative would be to ensure that state agencies maximize the value of agency actions for the state and its water resources through collaborative strategic thinking, resource allocation and data-driven decision making. The bill would provide the means by which the Collaborative could achieve this mission. The bill would also require the Collaborative to study and provide recommendations on water priorities identified by the Legislature and specified in the bill. The Collaborative would meet at any time or place and would conduct workshops, study sessions, and meetings to ensure that its mission is accomplished and that the legislative priorities are completed.

      According to the bill, members of the Kansas Water Collaborative would not receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage or associated expenses from the state. Officers and employees of state agencies who serve on the Collaborative would be authorized to serve as members as a part of their duties. The Division of the Budget indicates that some small fiscal effect could result from enactment of the bill with regard to the expense of conducting meetings and workshops, but it cannot estimate those costs.

      Sincerely,

      Shawn Sullivan,
      Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents