

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Statehouse, Room 225-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 320 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 320 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas authorizes the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University to enter into program agreements with up to five first-year veterinary students. Under the agreement, a student may be forgiven up to \$20,000 of student loans per year for up to four years upon his or her graduation if the student commits to completing certain requirements which include practicing veterinary medicine in a rural Kansas community. SB 320 would amend these provisions by allowing the College to enter into agreements with up to 20, but no less than five, first-year veterinary students.

Kansas State University indicates SB 320 would have no fiscal effect on the College of Veterinary Medicine because the State General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas limits the number of first-year veterinary students with which it may enter into agreements to five students ( $\$20,000 \times 4 \text{ years} \times 5 \text{ students} = \$400,000$ ). In order to fund a total of 20 students, the University would require an additional State General Fund appropriation of \$1.6 million beginning in FY 2019, for a total State General Fund appropriation for this program of \$2.0 million ( $\$20,000 \times 4 \text{ years} \times 20 \text{ students} = \$2,000,000$ ).

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Ethan Erickson, Kansas State University