

March 18, 2019

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

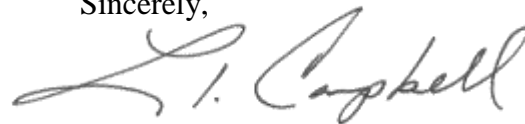
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2397 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2397 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2397 would align existing law concerning dangerous regulated animals with federal statutes, as amended and in effect on October 1, 2019. This alignment would cause existing Kansas statutes to be amended to prohibit a person from possessing, selling, purchasing or otherwise acquiring any part of a slaughtered dangerous regulated animal. In addition, the bill would prohibit any person from allowing a dangerous regulated animal to be in proximity to members of the public, including from offering photographic opportunities next to dangerous regulated animals. Exemptions from the requirements of the bill would include supervised encounters with lemurs to members of the public provided by institutions accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association or Zoological Association of America and motion picture or television production companies who have contracted with a dealer, exhibitor or carrier licensed or registered under federal law for the transportation, purchase, exhibition or use of dangerous regulated animals.

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, enactment of HB 2397 would have no fiscal effect on the expenditures or revenues of the agency.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture