

February 17, 2019

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 153 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 153 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 153 would consolidate the authority and responsibilities of the Kansas Spill Program into one statute. The bill would also require the responsible party to complete remediation of any release; allow the Spill Program to provide oversight and technical guidance during the response; and permit the Spill Program staff to take emergency actions necessary to protect human health and the environment. The bill would permit cost-recovery from the responsible party for any state expenses for response to and oversight of a release. The bill would also provide the ability to levy penalties for illegal dumping, the lack of or refusal of the responsible party to clean up a release, or the lack of timely reporting of a release.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that SB 153 would not have a fiscal effect on expenditures and does not anticipate significant penalties as companies tend to comply with reporting and clean up requirements.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment