

February 17, 2021

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 149D-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

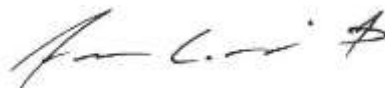
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2310 by Representative Xu

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2310 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2310 would amend existing law to create the Kansas Healthy Soils Initiative for the purposes of promoting healthy soils in Kansas. The bill addresses improper land-use practices of farm and grazing lands in the state, the consequences of those practices and the appropriate corrective methods. The bill declares that it would be the policy of the Legislature to provide for the conservation, health, restoration, use and development of the soil and water resources of the state and defines “healthy soils practices.” The bill would establish procedures within the State Conservation Commission to ensure healthy soils and would create the Healthy Soils Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Receipts to the fund would include appropriations, gifts, grants or private contributions. The Secretary of Agriculture would be prohibited from using more than 5.0 percent of the monies in the fund for administrative costs and would be required to use 95.0 percent of the monies to provide funding to healthy soils programs.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is unable to estimate expenditures or revenues that might result from enactment of HB 2310, as it is impossible to determine what revenue would be provided to the program through appropriations or donations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2310 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture