

February 2, 2022

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2559 by House Committee on Agriculture

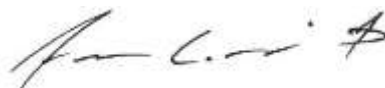
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2559 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2559 would create the Kansas Cotton Boll Weevil Program to monitor and mitigate the risk of boll weevils. The legislation outlines the roles and responsibilities, membership, and authority of the board of directors, administration, and implementation of the program including an assessment imposed on each bale of cotton produced in the state.

In addition, the bill would require the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee, and the Dean of the College of Agriculture for Kansas State University, or the Dean's designee, to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the board. The board would be required to meet at least once every calendar year in conjunction with the Kansas Cotton Association's annual meeting.

The Department of Agriculture and Kansas State University indicate that any costs to the agencies resulting from the enactment of HB 2559 would be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2559 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture
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