

March 11, 2022

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

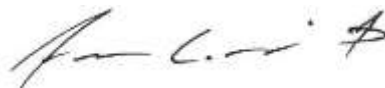
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 549 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 549 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 549 would allow a holder of a water right dedicated to a use other than irrigation to withdraw from the groundwater management district if the point of diversion is located within such district and the authorized place of use is located wholly or partially within such district. The holder of the water right could elect to withdraw from the district by providing written notice to the board of directors prior to June 30 and the withdrawal would become effect the following January 1. After the withdrawal, the holder would no longer be subject to water use charges, annual land assessments, any special assessments or any other taxes or fees levied by the district; review by the board of directors of the district on any matters related to the withdrawn holder's water rights; or any rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer that are specific to the district. The bill specifies that the withdrawal would not exempt the holder from compliance with all other statues and rules and regulations.

The Kansas Water Office states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect if a city withdrew from a groundwater management district. The Kansas Association of Counties states that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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cc: Debra Jones, Water Office
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