

March 14, 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 551 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 551 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

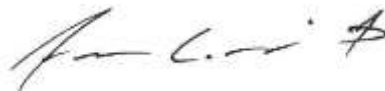
SB 551 would require the establishment of the Pet Animal Facilities Inspection Division under the Secretary of Agriculture within the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The Division would be a continuation of the Animal Facilities Inspection Program. The Director of the Division would cooperate with the Animal Health Commissioner to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases among animals within facilities regulated by the Kansas Pet Animal Act. In the event of an outbreak of contagious or infectious disease among animals, the Commissioner would be authorized to utilize and direct veterinarians or other employees within the new Division to support any action to protect domestic animals. A governing body of a political subdivision or the board of directors of a humane society operating an animal shelter or pound could develop an alternative plan for capture, release, shelter, spaying or neutering, and other medical care to feral cats, which would be approved by the Commissioner.

The Department of Agriculture states that SB 551 is not expected to create a measurable increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures for the agency. The bill would require the transfer of a program that is currently a part of the Division of Animal Health to a separate, stand-alone division. The resources and expenses associated with this current program would transfer to the newly created division and would not create a net increase or decrease of expenditures for the agency.

The Board of Veterinary Examiners states that the bill would not have any fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 551 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities both state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt".

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture
Mark Olson, Veterinary Examiners
Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities
Jay Hall, Association of Counties