

February 5, 2024

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2608 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2608 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

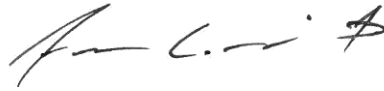
HB 2608 would amend current law to authorize the Animal Health Commissioner in the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations to administer the Poultry Disease Control Act. The bill would establish an annual fee not to exceed \$50 for participation in the National Poultry Improvement Plan, a fee not to exceed \$50 for individuals performing testing and poultry diagnostic services, and a testing fee not to exceed \$100 per visit for persons who request the Commissioner or authorized agent to perform testing or poultry disease diagnostics services to each location participating in the plan.

The Department of Agriculture estimates the bill would have a fiscal effect on the expenditures and revenues of the Department. The Department notes that these services are currently provided at no charge and estimates that the enactment of the bill would generate new total fee revenue of \$18,250 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026. New fee revenue for the participation fee is estimated to be \$7,500 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026 (150 flock owners X \$50 = \$7,500). New fee revenue for the certification fee is estimated to be \$3,750 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026 (75 certified testers X \$50 = \$3,750). New fee revenue for the testing fee is estimated to be \$7,000 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026 (70 location participants X \$100 = \$7,000). The Department indicates that the new fees would partially offset the estimated total expenses of \$35,500 in FY 2025 and \$40,500 in FY 2026 for field veterinarian routine surveillance salaries, agency administrative staff, and antigen supplies. The Department would use other fee funds to cover the

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shortfall. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2608 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture