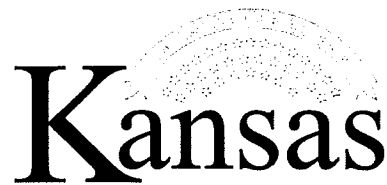


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Water Office

DATE: January 18, 2012
TO: House Vision 2020 Committee
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RE: Estimated revision to HB 2096 fiscal note with proposed edits

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At the January 11, 2012, Committee meeting it was requested that the Kansas Water Office attempt to identify how changes as proposed in the balloon presented at the hearing would affect the existing fiscal note. We have coordinated with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Biological Survey and believe that the information below represents the best estimate of fiscal impact based on the proposed changes.

Agency	Fiscal note for original HB 2096 bill	FTE for original HB 2096 bill	Estimated Fiscal Note for HB 2096 with Balloon.
Kansas Dept. of Agriculture – Division of Conservation	\$50,000 to cover the cost of adjustments to set up a system for submission of data to the repository related to water conservation structural practices.	0	Repository requirement removed with balloon. Negligible costs within existing resources for coordination of data.
Kansas Dept. of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources	Approximately staff cost of \$1,900 with \$500 for printing or scanning of plans for a total of \$2,400.	0.05 FTE position	Repository requirement removed with balloon. Negligible costs within existing resources for coordination of data.
Kansas Biological Survey	\$392,000 required for current baseline data and assessment, as well as repeated systematic assessments to determine rates of change and possible remedial actions.	5 Staff Scientist 2 half time grad assist 2 half time undergrad	Section 9 (c) removed in balloon which required certain studies. It is anticipated that existing and currently funded bathymetric work would continue from existing SWPF sources. Additional study efforts would be funded by reprioritizing funding within SWPF or by seeking additional outside grants.
Kansas Water Office	Passage of the bill does not specifically increase revenues or expenditures.	0	No change

In summary, the majority of the changes as proposed in HB 2096 with the balloon language is policy in nature and would have neither a positive or negative effect on the fiscal impact. Removal of the requirement to have a data repository would eliminate costs as originally envisioned to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. It is anticipated that any additional effort on data coordination would be handled with existing staff and resources. Finally, removal of the requirement that the Kansas Biological Survey conduct certain studies would eliminate additional costs to their agency. Existing contracts for bathymetric and sediment coring work between the Kansas Water Office and the Kansas Biological Survey are expected to continue. Any additional studies would be recommended by the Kansas Water Authority and within proposals for State Water Plan Fund expenditures, or by seeking grants and other opportunities outside of state funding.