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Sam Brownback, Governor

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The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson Senate Committee on Natural Resources Statehouse, Room 225-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 122 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 122 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 122 would authorize the Kansas Water Office to negotiate and grant easements on state property for conservation projects to assist in restoring, protecting, and rehabilitating stream banks on the Arkansas, Kansas, or Missouri rivers upon consultation with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, and the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

The Kansas Water Office indicates that additional staff time would be needed to meet the requirements of the bill; however, existing staff would implement the bill. The other agencies mentioned in the bill would consult with the Kansas Water Office as part of the typical collaboration that exists among the natural resource agencies and would not require additional resources.

Sincerely,

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