

February 16, 2011

The Honorable Mark Taddiken, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Taddiken:

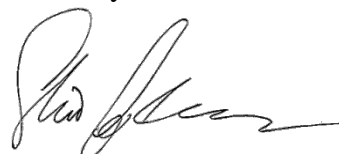
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 147 by Senate Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 147 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, all money recovered from the Republican River Compact deposited in the Interstate Water Litigation Fund of the Attorney General and then is transferred to the Interstate Water Litigation Reserve account of the State General Fund until the balance in the Interstate Water Litigation Reserve account totals \$20.0 million. SB 147 would require an amount equal to the total expenditures incurred by the litigation or the preparation of litigation, plus 5.0 percent of the monies received from the water litigation dispute be transferred from the Interstate Water Litigation Fund of the Attorney General to the Interstate Water Litigation Reserve account of the State General Fund. After the monies recovered have been transferred to the Interstate Water Litigation Reserve account of the State General Fund, all remaining monies would be transferred to the Republican River Water Conservation Projects – Nebraska Fund of the Kansas Water Office. The bill does not change how the funds are distributed after the money is deposited in the Republican River Water Conservation Projects – Nebraska Fund of the Kansas Water Office.

SB 147 could have a fiscal effect on the Kansas Water Office since this bill would change the amount of funds that could be deposited in the Republican River Water Conservation Projects – Nebraska Fund of the Kansas Water Office. However, there are no data on which to base an accurate estimate.

Sincerely,



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