

January 25, 2012

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

Dear Senator Taddiken:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 302 by Senate Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 302 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 302 would amend current law regarding the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program of the Department of Agriculture by setting all registration fees at \$25. Currently, some registrations are free and others range from \$50 to \$250. The bill would also make technical changes to clarify existing definitions and add definitions for “wholesaler,” “humane slaughter act,” and “federal humane methods of livestock slaughter act” to comply with federal law to enable the state inspection program to be equal in status to the federal program. The bill would change current record keeping and work schedule language to mirror the language in federal law. SB 302 would also give the Department temporary suspension authority and allow for voluntary inspection authority of non-amenable species such as deer, elk, and rabbit.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	(\$9,150)
Expenditure	--	--	--	(\$9,150)
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Department of Agriculture indicates that passage of the bill would reduce state revenue to the Meat and Poultry Fee Fund by \$9,150. The Meat and Poultry Inspection Program operates under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture that provides for 50 percent reimbursement on all qualified expenses. The Department indicates the

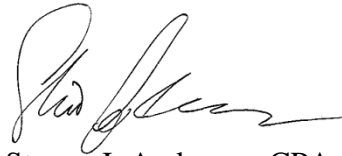
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fiscal effect of this bill is of such a small magnitude, it would have no operational effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 302 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture