

February 1, 2013

The Honorable Steve Huebert, Chairperson  
House Committee on Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 149-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Huebert:

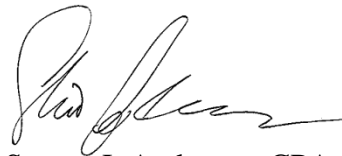
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2073 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2073 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture has the authority to inspect unpermitted stream obstructions on private land. HB 2073 would eliminate that authority and would also allow property owners to maintain, repair or replace crossings used for agricultural purposes; provide routine cleaning and maintenance of banks and channels; make additions compliant with current storm water regulations; and construct jetties or revetments to stabilize a caving bank without the currently required permission of the Secretary of Agriculture. HB 2073 would also expand a county commission's authority to maintain drainage channels.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on counties. The Department of Agriculture indicates that the fiscal effect of HB 2073 would be negligible.

Sincerely,



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