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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Dove and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Budget Committee

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 18, 2020

Subject: **HB 2688; Allowing the state board of veterinary examiners to make assessments to recoup certain administrative costs and to remit all moneys collected by the board from fees, charges, assessments and penalties to the veterinary examiners fee fund.**

House Bill No. 2688 adds a new section to the Kansas veterinary practice act allowing the board of veterinary examiners to assess the costs incurred by the board for issuing orders adverse to an applicant, registrant or licensee under the Kansas veterinary practice act against such applicant, registrant or licensee as determined by the board. If the board issues an order that is not adverse to such parties, any costs incurred by the board from the proceeding shall be paid from the veterinary examiners fee fund. The board is required to include any assessment of costs incurred as part of such order, and the order shall include findings and conclusions in support of the assessment.

The bill defines "costs incurred" to include, but not be limited to: (1) Presiding officer fees and expenses; (2) costs of making transcripts; (3) reasonable investigative costs; (4) witness fees and expenses; (5) subsistence allowances, mileage and other actual and necessary expenses incurred by board employees in accordance with K.S.A. 75-3223(e); and (6) fees and expenses of agents of the board who provide services under K.S.A. 47-821.

The bill also requires the board to remit all moneys received by the board from fees, charges, assessments or penalties collected under the Kansas veterinary practice act to the state treasurer who shall credit all such moneys to the veterinary examiners fee fund. Under current law 10% of all such moneys are credited to the state general fund. Current law also provides that moneys from civil fines and penalties shall be credited to the state general fund minus costs relating to assessment and enforcement of such fines or penalties that shall be credited to the veterinary examiners fee fund.

HB 2688 would become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register.