

February 3, 2022

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture  
Statehouse, Room 112-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

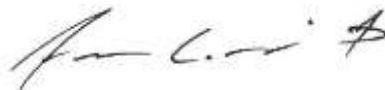
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2531 by House Committee on Agriculture

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2531 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2531 would permit, upon approval of the board of county commissioners, any person engaged in an agriculture activity may construct, maintain, and operate pipelines in pursuit of an agricultural activity along, upon, under, and across the right-of-way of any county or township road in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State of Kansas and the county in which the pipeline is located. The bill specifies the application process and the responsibilities of the owner of a pipeline.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of the bill would increase administrative oversight costs for the application process and appeal hearings. According to the Association, the bill would put counties at risk of paying for road damages or lawsuits if an applicant damages a road and is unable or unwilling to pay for repairs.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture  
Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation  
Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities