

April 7, 2011

The Honorable Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwartz:

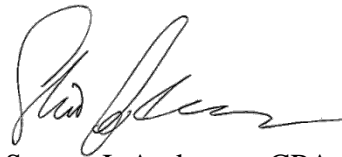
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2398 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2398 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2398 would amend existing law by amending the definition of feral swine to include swine commonly known as old world swine, Russian boars, or European boars. The bill would also eliminate fines for importing, releasing, or hunting feral swine. These activities would instead be class C nonperson misdemeanors under the bill.

According to the Animal Health Department, passage of HB 2398 would have no impact on agency revenue or expenditures. It is likely that the State General Fund would receive less revenue from the elimination of fines; however, because the number of violators is unknown the precise estimate of revenue that otherwise would have been credited to the State General Fund is difficult to determine.

Sincerely,



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cc: Deb Duncan, Animal Health Dept.