

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Ken Rahjes, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rahjes:

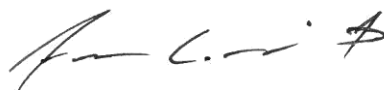
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2331 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2331 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2331 would designate the Lehigh Portland property in Allen County as part of the state park system. This new park would become a part of the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

The Department of Wildlife and Parks states that it would require \$50,000 from its Parks Fee Fund in FY 2024 for costs associated with title work, surveying the 14 parcels of the Lehigh Portland property, performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, and closing costs. In FY 2025 through FY 2027, \$200,000 would be spent for developing a master plan to determine which services should be included at the park. The design and building construction would cost approximately \$5.0 to \$7.0 million. The agency would also need to hire 2.00 FTE positions at a cost of \$129,600 that would be paid 80.0 percent from federal funds and 20.0 percent would be paid from the agency's Parks Fee Fund. The agency has requested the entire project amount from the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas Economic Development Grant but has not received verification of approval for the funds. If the proposal is approved, then these funds would pay for the entire project, including the \$50,000 paid initially from the Parks Fee Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2331 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Terry Bruce, Department of Wildlife & Parks