

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 2342 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2342 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2342 would create a five-member Pet Animal Board of Veterinarians within the Kansas Department of Agriculture and transfer the powers of the Animal Health Commissioner in relation to the Kansas Pet Animal Act to the newly created board. One board member would be appointed by the Governor, two would be appointed by the President of the Senate, and two would be appointed by the Speaker of the House. All members of the Board would be actively practicing licensed Kansas veterinarians.

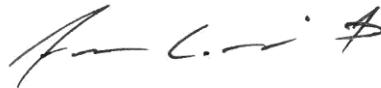
Additionally, HB 2342 would amend the Kansas Pet Animal Act to remove the provision allowing no-contact inspections. The bill would prohibit the seizure of animals unless the sheriff or other law enforcement officer presents a warrant for the seizure and a licensed veterinarian is in attendance during such seizure. HB 2342 would also replace the Department of Agriculture's existing pet animal license fee structure with a single fee for all license categories.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds	FY 2024 SGF	FY 2024 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$145,600	\$145,600
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Kansas Department of Agriculture estimates that HB 2342 would require \$145,600 of additional agency expenditures from the State General Fund. These expenditures would be made to pay the salaries and wages of the five new board members. The bill specifies that each of the five board members would be paid 20.0 percent of the annual salary of the Animal Health Commissioner, which is equivalent to \$29,120 per member. These new expenditures would be ongoing.

The Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners indicates that HB 2342 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2342 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kellen Liebsch, Department of Agriculture
Mark Olson, Board of Veterinary Examiners