

February 17, 2025

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 2297 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2297 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

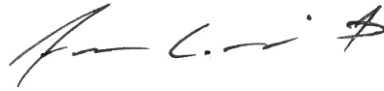
HB 2297 would authorize the Animal Health Commissioner to issue permits for raccoon ownership including the establishment of fees, fines, transfers, and appeals. The bill would require completion of an educational program, annual veterinary checkups with mandated vaccinations against diseases, breeding restrictions, and implementation of public awareness campaigns. The bill would also prohibit local regulations that are stricter than state law.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture indicates enactment of the bill would create regulatory costs that could be covered by fees charged under provisions of the bill. The Department also indicates the provisions of the bill requiring a public awareness campaign would not have a fiscal effect because it would post the information on its website and share via traditional communication methods. The Department states further public awareness efforts would require additional funding. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks indicates that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2297 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that enactment of the bill could increase expenditures or decrease revenues for cities, but it is unable to estimate a fiscal effect. The Kansas

Association of Counties indicates that enactment of the bill could require counties to use resources if there are animal health issues that would public health or escaped animals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture
Martin DeBoer, Department of Wildlife & Parks
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties