

February 20, 2026

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 2693 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

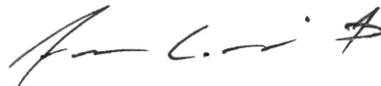
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2693 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2693 would amend KSA 65-1,182 related to swine facility permits to add new requirements and restrictions regarding swine wastewater, including how and where the wastewater could be applied to land. Certain provisions of the bill would not apply to applications to any field listed by an existing swine facility in such facility's approved nutrient management plan or waste management plan until July 1, 2027. The bill would also allow for a person aggrieved by any alleged violation to bring an action for damages against the operator of the applicable swine facilities.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of HB 2693 would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$135,000 beginning in FY 2027 for an additional position to review, process permits, and respond to public complaints. There would also be increased publication and mailing costs. The agency states there are 118 swine units with 1,000 animal units or more. The agency reports that based on FY 2025 costs, each permit costs an average of \$15.48 to publish and on average \$23.92 to mail required notices to landowners and neighbors. The new bill provisions could also potentially increase the number of complaints concerning swine units, which on average require 48 miles of staff travel and four hours of investigation and reporting per complaint. The agency notes that the bill increases the potential litigation, which traditionally results in requests for open records and legal review. The agency states that the bill does not provide for increasing fees associated with swine facilities, so a State General Fund appropriation would be needed for the increased expenditures.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2693 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it would allow for a court action to be filed for violations. This could result in more time spent by judicial and nonjudicial personnel processing, researching, and hearing these cases. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees and fines assessed in those cases filed under the bill's provisions, which would be deposited to the State General Fund. The bill would not affect other revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, a total fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Kansas Department of Agriculture does not anticipate a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2693 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
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Trisha Morrow, Judiciary