

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Clay Aurand, Chairperson
House Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 174-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Aurand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2386 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2386 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2386 would amend existing law by removing the requirement that second year Kansas State University veterinary medical students who perform spay or neuter surgeries at animal shelters as part of a curriculum program must be supervised by a faculty member of Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Center. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that the surgeries be conducted only at the surgery clinic at the University. The amendments would permit any licensed veterinarian to supervise spay or neuter surgeries by University students.

The Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners indicates that passage of HB 2386 could result in additional costs for inspecting and monitoring the licensed veterinary facilities where the surgeries could take place; however, a precise fiscal effect is difficult to predict because the number of veterinarians who would supervise student surgeries is unknown. The Division of the Budget assumes the bill would not create additional surgical premises for the Board to inspect. Kansas State University and the Animal Health Department both state that the bill would have no fiscal effect on their agencies.

Sincerely,



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cc: Debra Duncan, Animal Health Dept.
Diane Duffy, Board of Regents
Cheryl Mermis, Veterinary Examiners