

March 1, 2012

The Honorable Larry Powell, Chairperson  
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Statehouse, Room 149-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Powell:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2587 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2587 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2587 would amend the Uniform Conservation Easement Act which defines “conservation easement” as the nonpossessory interest of a holder in real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations the purposes of which include retaining or protecting natural, scenic or open-space values of real property, assuring its availability for agricultural, forest, recreational or open-space use, protecting natural resources, maintaining or enhancing air or water quality, or preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of real property.

Under the act, a conservation easement is limited in duration to the lifetime of the grantor. HB 2587 would limit the duration to 50 years or the lifetime of the grant, if the grantor is a natural person. The bill would allow the conservation easement to be revoked at the request of the grantor.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that HB 2587 would have no fiscal effect on Kansas cities. The Kansas Association of Counties did not provide a fiscal effect statement.

Sincerely,



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