

January 24, 2011

The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 3 by Legislative Post Audit Committee

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 3 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 3 would establish in statute the Kansas Natural Resources Subcabinet. Since 2003, the Departments of Agriculture, Wildlife and Parks, Health and Environment, and Animal Health, the State Conservation Commission, the Corporation Commission, and the Water Office have been holding regular meetings as the Natural Resources Subcabinet to coordinate initiatives on the state's natural resources. The bill would specifically task the Kansas Natural Resources Subcabinet with the coordination of water natural resource goals across the seven agencies listed above. The Governor would appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson annually for the subcabinet from the staff of the agencies represented on the subcabinet. Meetings would be held upon the call of the chairperson.

The Division of the Budget indicates that the creation of the Subcabinet would not increase expenditures for any of the natural resource agencies.

Sincerely,



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