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The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs Statehouse, Room 136-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 34 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 34 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 34 would change the membership of the Commission on Emergency Planning and Response. The bill would remove the representative from the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health and would add a representative from the Department of Health and Environment's Division of Environment. The bill would also change the current member from the "Department of Health and Environment" to the "Department of Health and Environment Division of Public Health."

Further, the bill would mandate that the members serving as chairperson and vicechairperson on July 1, 2013, would continue to serve in those positions until two years after the date the chairperson was elected. At such time, the vice-chairperson would become chairperson and a new vice-chairperson would be elected by the members of the Commission. The new chairperson and vice-chairperson would serve in their respective positions for two years and then the vice-chairperson would become the new chairperson and the members of the Commission would elect a new vice-chairperson.

The Department of Agriculture states there would be savings in staff time with the loss of a membership on the Commission; however, the Department cannot provide a precise fiscal effect at this time. Enactment of SB 34 would have no fiscal effect to the Department of Health and Environment. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 34 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mark Heim, Agriculture Aaron Dunkel, KDHE