

January 26, 2017

The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 225-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Kerschen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 46 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 46 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 46 would amend existing law to expand the areas in Kansas eligible to be water conservation areas. To provide greater flexibility in the management of water resources, the bill would alter the current requirement for management plans for participating water right owners and specify a number of limitations that would apply to management plans that allot water authorized by existing water rights. No management plan authorized under a water conservation area would be allowed to impair any water right. The Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, would be required to notify all water right owners with a point of diversion within 1/2 mile of the boundaries of the water conservation areas. The bill would also prohibit any water right associated with water conservation areas from being perfected.

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, passage of SB 46 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Justin Law, Agriculture