

## **Administrative Appeals Process for Certain Fertilizer and Water Orders; HB 2312**

**HB 2312** makes several changes to law regarding the administrative appeals process for certain fertilizer and water orders.

The bill requires notice be provided and that there is an opportunity for a hearing under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act before final action may be taken on certain fertilizer orders (*i.e.*, custom blending of fertilizers, ammonium nitrate dealers, and fertilizer brand registration).

In addition, the bill codifies rules and regulations to allow for review of water orders by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture. The bill also clarifies law that allows for the Secretary of Agriculture to review water orders and establishes a uniform administrative appeals process for water orders.

Finally, the bill repeals KSA 82a-1902, which required the Department of Administration to contract with or employ administrative law judges, court reporters, and other personnel to conduct the proceedings that occur when an order of the Chief Engineer is reviewed.