

February 11, 2019

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 117 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 117 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 117 would establish the procedures that must be followed when the Animal Health Commissioner determines that a quarantine or other regulations are necessary to prevent the spread of a contagious or infectious disease among dogs and cats. The bill would establish the requirements for owners of dogs or cats affected with a contagious or infectious disease or currently under treatment by a licensed veterinarian for such a disease, with certain exceptions specified by the bill. The bill would prohibit a person who has a dog, cat or ferret that is under rabies observations, is the subject of a state or local quarantine order or has not received vaccinations, from allowing the animal to run at large or from moving, transferring, or transporting the animal. The bill would prohibit any person from bringing or transporting a dog or cat into the state without first having the animal inspected and passed under certificate of health. The Animal Health Commissioner could impose a civil penalty in the amount of not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 for each violation of the act, and in the case of a continuing violation, every day that the violation continues would be deemed a separate violation. Existing law concerning quarantine of domestic animals would specifically exclude dogs and cats. The bill would provide definitions of terms used within the bill and would remove cats and dogs from the list of "all kinds of domestic animals" contained in current statutes concerning livestock and domestic animals.

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, enactment of SB 117 would have no fiscal effect on agency expenditures or revenues. The requirement that inspectors check paperwork for animal movement is already being performed by the agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Larry L. Campbell
Division of the Budget

cc: Kellen Liebsch, Agriculture